MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA

MINUTES OF THE CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

Sunday, May 15, 2022 - Fellowship Hall

ATTENDING: (In person), President, Debbie HAMPSTEAD, Becky BREEDEN, Tom COLE, Jon DRISKILL, Cristall MOUNT, Rachel RUSHWORTH-HOLLANDER, Pastor Susan THISELL, Lori WEST, Michele WILSON; (Zoom) none; (Absent) VP Mike DRISKILL, Craig STEWART, Secretary Sharon SWEENEY

1. Call to Order. Debbie opened the meeting at 12:30 PM.
2. Devotions.
   1. Lori read from Joyce Meyers “Success Requires Effort” and an accompanying prayer. *(Many thanks to Lori for an excellent lunch from Firehouse Subs)*
3. April Council minutes. Motion to approve as presented by Cristall; seconded by Rachel, vote carried.
4. Correspondence.
   1. Items included in the meeting packet reviewed and discussed. No action items noted.
5. Finance Report.
   1. Steve Hess and Doug Mason were not able to attend the meeting. The financial information as provided in the Council packet was reviewed and discussed without formal action.
   2. Current finance highlights:
      1. March donations were $1,599 more than the budget plan and expenditures were $2,029 less than the budget plan.
      2. Year-to-date donations about $7,625 (6%) behind plan; YTD expenses about $1,101 YTD over plan.
      3. Overall picture is good and about $44,581 cash is on hand.
   3. A Carecuts General Fund has been established - separate from the Carecuts eggs fund.
   4. We are now paying an additional $160/mo. for tech support from Avona.
6. Commission/Committee reports:
   1. Reports as submitted for the meeting packet were briefly reviewed and discussed.
   2. Property Committee requested the proposal received from Archer Air for $5,554 to install APR Valves on the 2 HVAC units servicing the downstairs area be approved. This will help with basement dampness. Finance committee has reviewed the request and suggested funding from the Easement Funds. Motion to approve as presented by Rachel; seconded by Lori, vote carried.
7. Computer Systems Tech Support Update. A full backup has been done for onsight equipment.
8. Music Director search update. Two interviews have been scheduled; one is only qualified for organist position.
9. Synod Assembly. Michelle will email her report from attending SE Synod Assembly.
10. Church Constitution review. Pastor Susan noted a partial first revision has been completed.
11. God’s Work Our Hands Day. GWOH Serve Day is scheduled for September 11th. Tom Cole will coordinate with the Serve Team for a project.
12. Regions Bank Education Series. Stewardship Committee will coordinate with Regions Bank on scheduling and presenting the Regions Financial Education Series to the congregation.
13. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn. Council closed with a prayer.

NEXT MEETING: Sunday, August 21, 12:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Snacks and devotions provided by Tom Cole.