

Council Meeting

January 27th, 2020

11:00 am

Attendees:

Pastor: Lillian Cabral

Chair:

Clerk: Rebekah Springer

Treasurer: Liz Rotundo

Assistant Treasurer: Roxanne Spink

Financial Secretary:

Assistant Financial Secretary: Cherie House

Christian Education Facilitators: Roxanne Spink, Carol Chamberlin

Trustee Facilitators: Nate DeFalco, Mark Heitmann

Diaconate Facilitators: Rich Mizerski, Cheryl Backman, Penny Faulter

Full List of Attendees:

1. Rebekah Springer
2. Roxanne Spink
3. John Zelesnik
4. Delores Olin
5. Vesta Lewis
6. Jefferson Duryee
7. Carol Chamberlin
8. Bob Chamberlin
9. Nancy Leamon
10. Don Flowwe
11. Nancy Flower
12. Dail Mizerski
13. Rich Mizerski
14. Karl Backman
15. Cheryl Backman
16. Linda Gladle
17. Mike Gladle
18. Maggie M. Heitmann
19. Nathan Heitmann
20. Nicholas Heitmann
21. Mark Heitmann
22. Leanne Giles
23. Ed Baxter Jr.
24. Mary Sanford
25. Michael Long

26. Jessica George
27. Lillian Cabral
28. Elizabeth Casatelli

Non Voting Attendees:

29. Maizie Jane Casatelli
30. Harper Long
31. Jillian

Start time: 11:03am

Rebekah reported last years minutes.

Mark made a motion to approve.

Unanimous vote

Chair

Rich reported from Lynn Bort's report. He is the acting moderator while Lynn is out.

Pastor

Lillian is thankful for the time she has spent with us. She highlights our easter breakfast and parking lot picnic. She knows from the search committee our church wants more children's activities. She highlights the choir we have started and we are excited. The ecumenical group is discussing Lent and Easter. We enjoy our partnerships with the Community Church and Universalist Church. We have picked a missionary and she would like to skype with us in small groups so we can have discussions. If Lillian does not answer her phone, please leave a message to get back to her.

Rich appreciates Lillian's ideas and work in helping us find a missionary to support.

Trustee

Mark reported. They are thankful for the donations from Rebekah and Roxanne for the computer and copier. They are still working on the leak in the roof and have found someone who will work on it. The trustees are deciding about getting a larger TV on the wall, or a second TV. We have about a 50 inch currently, possibly a 75 inch. The other option is to get a second TV and put it on the opposite side. Please let Mark know your opinions. Dail Mizerski shares that we should get a bigger TV, but angle it.

Diaconate

They are a small group and are thankful for all the volunteers they get for communion. Their main goal is to support our family and friends in any way possible. He is happy that we are having so many ecumenical events to show our community how big christian love is. They caroled to 10 different houses and give food to 4 households.

Delores thanks everything the deacons do

Christian Education

Roxanne shares to read her report and ask her for any questions.

Treasurer

Liz shares.

She explains out special accounts and other non budget accounts and explains what they mean. We began 2019 with \$22,966.01 and ended with \$32,775.43. Liz is still planning on transferring the savings account to the general fund. Our Year-to-Date income is \$57,916.96. Our total expenses for the year were \$46,791.45. Our goal is to give 4% benevolence. To meet our goal, we would need to donate \$1,240.58. Liz opens up the discussion if we would like to split up that donation to designated places, such as America for Christ, World Mission Offering, One Great Hour of Sharing, Retired Missions and Missions Offering, or if we would like to give to the American Baptist Churches and let them designate where they need the money, Mark Heitmann asks how the Iroquois Association is doing, Lillian shares that it is thoughtful, but does not feel that is necessary. Rebekah and Liz feels that we should give to the American Baptist Churches and allow them to designate it. We will vote on the whole budget at a later point.

Liz shares that while the Expenses Year to Date may look alarming and over budget, but it is all taken care of and up to date. Please read the notes for notices. Michael Long asks about plowing. Randy House plows at \$50 dollars a plow.

Sunday School Superintendent

Rebekah shared. Thank you for Delores for being our Sunday School Facilitator!

Clerk

Rebekah shared. Please see report. Rebekah is still working with the deacons to finalize the official member list.

Sanctuary Arrangements

Dail shared. We will need to buy special size candles for Christmas this year.

Memorial

Carol shared. No activity. See report.

Music

Mary has taken over in leadership and is doing wonderful work. We are so thankful!

AB Women

Maggie shares. Please read report. Any women are welcome to attend the AB Woman meetings!

Historical

They did not meet this year.

Audit

Roxanne shares that we have found a person to complete the audits for our church. Roxanne and Rebekah have completed the 2018 audit. The trustees will have to finalize payments and employments.

Financial Secretary

We have received 15 pledges this year totaling \$27,840.

Mark asked about the \$4,000 donation for the copier. We paid the price of the copier and the rest went into the general checking.

Dail makes a motion to accept the reports.

Mark seconds.

Old Business

Rich would like to make an amendment to include Social Security Offset add on to offset the cost that Lillian will pay to the federal government. The cost would be \$1,530. All council members voted in favor of this. so in addition to the \$34,800, please add \$1,530.

The budget reflects changes in bills and raising expenses.

We need to add \$500 to code 1333 - financial consult and budget for the audit.

Liz will need to add in Paid Family Leave to Lillian's total salary because it is mandated by New York State. In the organist and custodian's salary, we will raise their salary so they do not see the money taken out of their paycheck.

Jefferson makes a motion to accept the 2020 budget with the amendments.

Ed Baxter Jr seconds.

Unanimous vote.

Chairs and Committees

Michael Long as agreed to become a trustee. Rich makes a motion to waive the constitution and allow Michael Long to serve as a trustee even though he isn't a member.

Mark seconds.

Unanimous vote.

Please add Maggie M. Heitmann and Rebekah G. Springer to the ministry enhancement committee.

Rebekah makes a motion to establish a Missions Committee.

Cheryl seconds.

Unanimous vote.

The members are Lillian Cabral, Delores Olin, Carol Chamberlin

Cheryl asks where could this committee get funding.

We discussed where to designate this money in our faith proposal. After discussion, we will add a new line and label it, "Missions" and make \$100.

Rebekah makes a motion for Mary Sanford to be a part of the music committee.
Mark Heitmann seconds.
Unanimous vote.

There are only 2 people on the Christian Education committee. Mary Sanford has volunteered.
Maggie makes a motion to accept to waive the constitution for this year so Mary Sanford can be a member of the Christian Education Facilitators even though she isn't a member.
Carol seconds.

Nancy Leamon would like to be on the ministry enhancement committee.
Mark makes a motion for this.
Cheryl seconds.

Mark shares that based on last years minutes, we wanted to have monthly updates on finances.
Rich will speak to Cherie as she does the financial intake and the bulletins.

New Business

Nancy Leamon would like to share that she and her late husband are deeply upset that the altar candles are not lit. Rebekah shares that the Worship Leader could take over this job. All are in favor of trying it.

Pastor Lillian Cabral will be installed on February 9th, 2020. The ministry enhancement committee will help plan the service and meal. We will plan for 100 mouths to feed and seat. We have 2 weeks to plan and serve.

Diana Baxter would like to do the rummage sale still, but need more commitment for help.

Cherie has purchased a new software for her position as a financial secretary called "Church Windows."

Cherie asks all to please label their donations to count towards their pledges.

Rich ends in prayers.

Meeting End Time: 12:41 PM