

Church Council Meeting Minutes May 20, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m., Loralee Daily, Council President.

Attendance: Loralee Daily, Pastor Jean, Tom Peyton, Lori Ashenfelter, Kim Kennedy, Em Antal, Darryl Anderson, Joseph Antal, Nicole Vincent, Wendy Gajarsky

Devotions: Pastor Jean

Review of Minutes:

Pastor motioned to accept the April 15, 2024 minutes; Joe seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Darryl motioned to accept the Executive Committee Minutes for April 24, 2024. Lori seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Report submitted. Nicole made a motion to accept the treasurer's report for review. Lori seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Staff Reports:

Pastor Jean Hansen: Report submitted. She will be attending on June 1, 2024 the Northeastern Ohio Synod Assembly. She encouraged everyone to participate in Mitzvah Day Projects. She will be taking a vacation day on May 23, 2024.

Eric Jezewski: Report submitted.

David Simpson: Report submitted. Walk for Hunger was successful. Green Dot training went well.

President's Report: Report submitted. Project Isaiah 43 was reviewed, and results from the conference meetings will be shared at the Synod Assembly.

Old Business:

Service Master Re-Build: Darryl reported that a lot of progress has been made. Flooring and counters are complete; other areas are close to being finished.

Security System: Darryl reported that the contract has been signed with Vector Security. Installation will take place the week of June 24 and then training will follow. The list of fob users will be reviewed, including individuals outside the church.

Back-up and Succession Plans for Financial Manager:

Kim and Mark plan to meet with Keen and Judy about time required and tools/technology that are being used for financial management. They are going to talk with John Weisend about financial needs (technology). With this being a staff issue, Pastor asked for the Staff Support Team/Council to oversee this review process.

New Business:

Melissa Johnson requested approval for the purchase of two tables for the Informal Service. Loralee made a motion of \$766 for the Communion table and \$400 for a Greeter table from the Memorial Funds. Tom seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Mark Watkins requested starting September 1, 2024, that an additional hour per day be added (5 hours per week) to the preschool cleaning job payable at the current rate. Kim made a motion for approval of this change. Nicole seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Ministry Area Reports:

Care and Nurture: Wendy Gajarsky

FFF Team met on April 25, 2024. They are planning numerous events including a social time at Sarah's Vineyard and attending a musical at Porthouse Theatre. They are looking for a chair for the Soup Supper in October.

Communications: Loralee Daily

Minutes from May 8, 2024 were received from the Digital Ministry Team which is now chaired by Troy Kozee. Four members attended to review technology projects.

Celebration and Memorial Courtyard: Nicole Vincent

Minutes were received for February 7, 2024. Work is being done to clean up the courtyard. There will be special envelopes for donations to the Memorial Courtyard.

Faith Endowment: Loralee Daily

The next meeting is on June 8, 2024.

Growth and Learning: Em Antal

Programs have ended for the summer. About 50 children are signed up so far for VBS; more volunteers are needed.

Ministry Development: Kim Kennedy

No report.

Operations: Darryl Anderson

Property Team leadership has changed. Spring cleaning for the church is set for June 8, 2024. Security Team is putting evacuation signs in place in case of fire. Discussion

was held about the purchasing of another AED. The Team will explore if one is available at no cost. John Weisend is resigning as chair and member of the Finance Committee at the end of the year. A donation acceptance policy is being considered by the Committee. There will be an accounting review of 2023. Church insurance will be a future topic of discussion.

Outreach: Tom Peyton

David and Melissa Johnson are retiring as leaders of the Ohio Mission after this year, the 18th year of this ministry; new leadership is needed for this ministry to continue. Loads of Faith is going well.

Preschool Board: Lori Ashenfelter

Minutes from April 29, 2024 were received. The next meeting is August 12, 2024.

Worship: Joseph Antal

Digital copyright issues were resolved. They are discussing adding new banners for RIC.

Adjournment/The Lord's Prayer/Next Meeting:

Loralee motioned to adjourn; Lori seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m. Next Meeting July 15, 2024.

Submitted by Wendy Gajarsky, Council Secretary