



Church Council Meeting

February 27, 2023

Minutes

Council Members in attendance include Joe Stobaugh, Brooke Messer, Dub Newman, Thomas Wainscott, Lary Hooten, Diane Brooks, Alex Bell, Lee Wiley, Jillian Bunn, Ann Parker, Martha Squibb, Phillip Youngblood, David Tabor, Joe Brannon, Derek Fuller, Sadie Smythe, Jim Mabile and Constance Harp.

Brooke Messer opened the meeting and expressed appreciation for everyone's assistance with the Bishop's Installation.

Joe Stobaugh opened us in prayer and administered the sacrament of Holy Communion in the sanctuary, followed by a Church Council group picture.

Dub Newman distributed a Trustees handout with updates on financing, insurance, construction, and HVAC/Chiller. Thomas Wainscott reported that Lockton was chosen as broker on our new insurance policy. He said few providers were willing to offer a bid, but the new policy is from Philadelphia Insurance Co. Because of our loss history, any possible reduction to the quote will be slight. Dub reported that GFF is completing Youth construction drawings. He will meet with Beth and the Youth on March 3 for specific design elements. Pricing should be provided by mid-May, and the completion goal is October.

Lary Hooten said great progress is being made with District Superintendent Rev. Edlen Cowley regarding the search for an Executive Pastor. PPRC met with him last week regarding our expectations. Joe updated the job description and said we were in good graces with the District. Rev. Cowley walked us through the timeline, and our hope is that the position will be filed earlier than July. Dub added that there is currently a search for a Building Supervisor much like the position Ricky Flanagan performed. Interviews have taken place with two good candidates under consideration.

Diane Brooks announced the Spring Fellowships for March 19 and 26 and encouraged everyone to register as we want good representation from Church Council. We already have five host homes! The Lay Leaders will assign members to host homes to ensure the fellowships will be inter generational, a good mix of newer and longer time members and child friendly so the fellowships will achieve the goal of being engaging and a great opportunity to get to know one another better. Youth Sunday is March 5. Affirmation cards will be available in the bulletins and in the Gathering Area for members to sign and will be made into a Love Banner to hang in the Youth Center. Similar to what we did for our college students at G2G Sunday. Joe Brannon said his daughter loved receiving the Valentine's banner! Members can write what was meaningful to them that the Youth shared in worship. Everyone will be invited to the Gathering Area following the services to meet and greet the Youth. Diane shared that the Lay Leaders will soon begin to work on a Sabbatical policy for operational staff to accompany the policy for the ministerial staff. And they will discuss the recognition of staff member's anniversaries to the congregation, especially significant ones, and will share their suggestions when plans are further along.

For his Pastor's Report, Joe Stobaugh said he heard everyone received a warm welcome at the District Lay Leader Training. He has completed staff evaluations. Eighty people came to the All Church work day! We had four hundred seventy attendees at the Bishop's Installation. Bishop Saenz posted a grateful and appreciative post. We reached a record number of people on Facebook as a result of the installation. A plus hospitality was offered. Ninety people attended the Ash Wednesday service. The Lenten Worship series continues to Build Discipleship Pathway. On Youth Sunday, we will have Passing of the Peace as a fellowship practice—a good way to greet visitors. On Monday, for the WDS chapel, two-

thirds of the sanctuary was full. Joe is pursuing a study on how do we measure transformational outcomes via qualitative data.

Regarding packet and consent calendar items, Brooke asked if there were any other reports from Finance, Membership, and Communications. There were none. She asked about the minutes from the January meeting - Thomas moved we adopt them and Dub seconded.

Joe closed us in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Brooks, Lay Leader