

## Minutes of May 13, 2024 Church Council ZOOM Meeting

In Attendance: Joan Caton, Pat Herman, Shawn Hillman, Barb Newton, Rev. Joe Newton, Ginny Noble, Elizabeth Ormes, Rhea-Joy Simonich

Due to Zoom issues the meeting was opened at 6:45 by Joan Caton. Quorum of over 6 members was established.

April minutes were not provided as of today and will be expedited to us soon per Shawn.

Financial Report: Discussion was led by Pat Herman. All reports were approved as submitted. Important figures are listed below:

Operating Fund balance on April 30, 2024 =	\$120,125.51
Total Assets =	\$252,687.17
Total Liability & Funds =	\$252,687.17
Income over Expenses for April =	\$ 1,198.07

Operations Report: Led by Shawn Hillman. \* Premier Cleaning Service was notified by Shawn that there are several opportunities to improve their services. Apple Tree had raised these issues with Shawn. Premier will actively pursue the issues brought to their attention. "More Time & Slow Down". \*Second matter discussed was the summer maintenance of flower beds and other landscape details that will not be handled by the landscape contractor who does the church mowing. Possibly the church members can handle this expense by doing the work themselves. Otherwise, an additional service will need to be hired & funded. \*Third matter of discussion - Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM until noon will be our annual Spring Cleanup. Jobs that need to be performed will be compiled with many hands to perform the tasks requested.

Apple Tree Report: Led by Rhea Joy Simonich. Graduation of preschoolers will be this week and then they will close until end of August. A meeting will be set for this Thursday or next Thursday to discuss how Apple Tree, Community Hope Day, and Micro Pantry can align their work in a way that is agreeable to all.

Office Manager Report: A written report was submitted by Sharon Kuzel and discussed by all. \*An in-person meeting is being set between AT & HD. \*Discussed Spectrum Singers' use of building, their calendar items and a check for payment that was sent to CFO. \*Rental request for chairs & tables July 4<sup>th</sup>. \*Attendance categories suggested by Molly Carlson from the Association to track the number of people using our building and benefiting from church services.

Memorial Board Report: Led by Elizabeth Ormes. No activity recently.

Outreach Report: Led by Joan Caton. \* An updated church brochure was presented that had been emailed to members. It was discussed and overwhelmingly approved. Great improvement. \*Pride Booth will be manned by church members at Pride Fest this coming Sunday with new brochures and other materials available to distribute.

Event Food Preparation Report: Led by Ginny Noble. \*Coffee hours are being covered well and everyone remains nourished each Sunday thru the generous offerings of church members. \*Any new ideas for events would be welcomed by Ginny.

New Member Report: Led by Barb Newton. All church members need to continue with their outpouring of love and welcome to any new guests every Sunday. Barb enjoys interacting with them and watches for ways to include them into our church life.

Pastor's Report: Led by Pastor Joe Newton. Glad to be back to shepherd us thru the summer. Joe encourages the church to consider a "5 Year Plan". This was well received by all.

Old Business: "Remove the Pews" – Shawn is working with Samantha Gerth to put together a survey which will be distributed in the near future.

"Bullying Event" - Joan felt that the event was successful with over 20 in attendance. Wished that more of our church members & friends would attend these events.

"Church Sound System" – All are aware of our need to improve our church sound system. Might need to have it be part of the previously discussed "5-year Plan" or a stand-alone "Capital Improvement" campaign in the future.

Respectfully Submitted:

Pat Herman

5/14/24