

Church Council Meeting Minutes  
Sept 6, 2017

**Present:** Ken K., Sandy M., Pastor Brent, Dan G. April Metzger, Al B., Eric T., Kim B., Rose A., & Michelle G.

**Open with Devotions and Prayer:** Pastor Brent. Shared from the book “Last Arrow” Encouraged members to see opportunities to teach children and guide them and then allow them to be our arrows we shoot into the world.

**Minutes of Last meeting:** MSC

**Treasurer’s Report:** Rose shared and answered questions on the current costs and expenses. We are below budget expectations but we our income is above actual expenses at this point. August had 3 Sundays due to the electricity being out one Sunday and church was cancelled so giving overall was down slightly. YTD we are up 7980.00.

**Budget:** Eric shared the new proposed budget. Discussion was held on estimates. Budget will be finalized after SPRC committee meetings to confirm Pastor Brent’s wage increases for next year. We agreed to set our Mission budget at the amount of apportionments that we are holding back at this time. Money will continue to be allocated for apportionments but not actually paid. Next years apportionments is 24,600. Money will be put back into the Christian Ed budget to pay someone who takes over these duties for the longer duration.

Lay Leader Report: Al gave a report from Jill that all was good and nothing new to report.

**SPRC Report:**

- Dan Gerber shared that he has completed the Pastor’s wage form but needs to present it to the committee later this month before presenting it to the full council.
- We agreed that as a church we need to have defined hours for Brent that he is available so it is clear to the congregation what the expectations are for availability. Brent is scheduled as a part-time minister at this point. Dan’s initial proposal was workdays were Sunday and Wed w/ Mon and Friday off and then T/Th to work as needed to get hours in for the week.
- This committee also will develop a job description so that is more clearly defined as well. This will be reviewed at the next meeting or later if more time is needed to develop it.
- Dan is attending a conference regarding the church’s potential division in October, Ken is going to try and attend as well. This is in Des Moines.

**Trustees Report:**

- Al shared that he has the door ordered for the basement and anticipates this to be in next week.
- Discussion was held about sidewalk on East side of church and the space that is appearing between the door frame and sidewalk. Not sure this is a major issue but Al is aware of this.
- Also will look at Mens/Women's bathroom that may need some minor repairs to drywall as it appears to be separating a bit. This is normal building wear and tear.

**Christian Ed Report:**

- Fall Festival is going to be held Oct 1 as SS kick off. Share this w/ the community.
- SS will start Oct 8.
- Brent is working on a plan of doing Sunday School a little differently, volunteers are needed but commitment may be a lot less if everyone steps up to do a small part then the work will be less for everyone. This is encouraged for members to embrace this idea and we'll give it a try and see if it works.
- Brent is going to send out an email to explain how SS will work and to ask for volunteers. This email will also work to get updated directory info and counts for kids who may be attending SS.

**Youth Group Report:**

- Sandy shared that they will start youth group very soon. Discussed if taking kids to Thunder Road was too expensive, the committee assured her this was a good investment. Kids are encouraged to invite a friend if this is someone looking for a youth group to attend.
- Discussion was also held around giving Freshman Bibles instead of Seniors so they have them to use throughout H.School. This was encouraged. Sandy will continue to look into this option.
- Youth Group is for 9-12 graders. It will be held on 1 Wed and 1 Sun night a month. Looking for a location on Wed nights b/c of Women's Bible study. Dan is going to inquire about using the community center.

**Missions Report:** Sept is Hurricane Harvey support, October may be giving to furniture mission in Sx. Falls, Nov. Stockings for Light 96.5 Christmas Giving. We also gave to Neighbor helping Neighbor to 2 individuals and also to Hurricane Harvey fund as a church.

**Worship Report:** Discussed starting up Children's Church-Dan will talk with Darcy about organizing this. It can start any time, doesn't need to go w/ SS schedule.

**Evangelism Report:**

- Fall Festival,

- Seeing new faces in church...encourage regular members to take time to welcome them and talk w/ them.
- Women's Bible study is starting Sept 13. Invite anyone to attend.

**Pastor's Report:**

- Brent handed out a summary of the survey. He received 85 responses.
- Brent is attending a conference in California Sept 20-24.

**Old Business:**

- Council reviewed the current committee list and agreed to get rid of the Christian Ed Committee (this will just be a staff position), the Evangelism Committee (this is a responsibility of every member of church not just 1 or 2).
- Council decided to rename the Lay Leadership Ministry Nominations to just Nominations committee-which will meet again in October.
- Council discussed added a Fellowship committee that could look at ways we can do things as a church every month and to organize other fellowship related things.
- Al is going to call a Fall Church Clean up day in the very near future so be looking for this notification.

**New Business:** No new business

Next meeting will be October 4 at 7pm

Motion was made and seconded to adjourn.