

Seeds of Faith Community Church

Council Meeting Minutes- Minutes submitted by: Amber Kellenberger

November 11, 2020

Opening

The regular meeting of the Seeds of Faith Community Church was called to order at 6:30 PM on November 11, 2020 by Pastor Brent

Present

Dan & Darcy Gerber, Brian Berentschot, Eric TeGrootenhuis, April Metzger, Sandy Martin, Amber Kellenberger, Al Bruggeman, Pastor Brent, and Glen Meyer

Pastor Brent opened the meeting with a devotional and prayer

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the Last Council meeting were unanimously approved

General Business

Treasurer's Report

Sandy reported account balances- General fund \$128,652.32, Building Fund \$139,050.51. When comparing November 2019 to 2020, our giving is just below last year. Given with the crazy year we have been dealt, we are sitting pretty well with all things considered.

Financial Report- Eric TG reported that everything looks good

Treasurer's and Financial Reports were approved unanimously.

Trustee Report

Al Bruggeman reported that we purchased a barrel of sealant for the new cement. It needs to be applied to the new cement when it warms up. He will store in his heated shed until then. There have been no signs of other mice other than the one that was caught. AJ Ageson will take care of scooping the church sidewalks. Sandy told Al to check with AJ to make sure he was paid last year for scooping.

Christian Ed Report

Amber reported that we filled the teacher rotation and so far, things have been going well. The first month will be a learning curve for all. Since time is short for the lesson, we may possibly drop the music portion of the rotation after Christmas. This will depend also on class sizes and Covid come

January. The Christmas program will be held the Sunday morning before Christmas, December 20 during the service. This will hopefully cut down on the amount of “extra” people attending. We talked shortly about the possibility of removing a wall or two between a couple classrooms to create a couple other bigger spaces for classes.

Youth Group Report

Sandy reported that she has talked to the Wurgler’s about finding families for the Youth Group to buy gifts for Christmas. Youth group is meeting one Sunday evening and one Wednesday evening per month.

Mission Report

Amber reported that the November/December Mission of the month is the Atlas Spirit Store with an emphasis for winter coats, snow pants, and boots. Items will be due to church be Sunday, November 29. The January MOM is the Banquet. Sandy will be contacting them soon to find out how many people are needed since they only currently do to-go meals due to Covid concerns. April asked if our church would be interested in having Hope Haven be a mission of the month recipient. She will check into someone coming and preaching about their mission.

Worship Report-

Brent will talk to the Sioux Falls church about the possibility of our church either purchasing or being gifted their used sound system. Last time he spoke to them, they had to speak to their consistories before making a decision. Even though it is a used system, it is WAY better than what we have currently. We will hopefully have an answer by next months meeting. Mindy is always looking for singers and musicians for weekly services- just need to talk to her.

Pastor’s Report-

Pastor Brent said thank you to the congregation far a great birthday/pastor appreciation month in October. Also, thank you for the prayers to Stacy while she finds a cause/cure for migraines that she has been struggling with. April Metzger asked if there was anything that we as a congregation to help reach out to people who haven’t been attending church services during Covid. Brent said he encourages all to reach out to those we know of and he does have a list of names if anyone is interested in calling or sending a note.

Neighbor Helping Neighbor – A family will be receiving the November NHN funds

Old Business- nothing to report

New Business –

The Iowa Governor's Proclamation from 11/9/2020, states new mandate recommends masks in social gatherings that are indoors with attendance over 25 to require masks. This, however, does NOT apply to schools or churches. Brent has confirmed this with the Lyon County health nurse. Brent will be sending out an email on Thursday stating that we recommend the use of masks on Sunday mornings, but they are not required. If you are not comfortable attending church at this time, services will be continued to be live streamed.

A request for starting back up the Nursery has been made. Brent said he has spoken to the interested coordinator and set up a list of conditions that need to be met before it can start. The council was concerned about space and also cross contamination of nursery/Sunday school classes due to Covid spread concerns.

The 2021 Budget was gone over line by line led by Eric TG. The final Budget for 2021 will be approved at the December council meeting. Please email Pastor Brent if you would like a copy of the proposed 2021 budget.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:10 PM. Next Meeting December 2 at 6:30 PM