

**2016 Council  
Minutes of Meeting  
February 11 12, 2016  
7:00 PM**

**Present:** Denny Crutcher, Pastor Joe Poppino, Jim Fields, Charlie Garrison, Marlene Evans, Barb Martin, Stephanie Adelsperger, Corey Wigal, Susan Zaffiro and Gail Garrison.

**Meeting Called to Order:** Denny Crutcher called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**Devotions:** Marlene Evans shared devotions from John 14:15-21. This scripture discusses the Holy Spirit.

**Devotions for 2016:**

- Pastor Joe made a suggestion that going forward we use the 10 Healthy Missional markers for our devotions this year. Council was in favor of this suggestion. See Attachment



10 Healthy Missional  
Markers.pdf

- Denny asked Gail to add them to the Devotion Schedule and then redistribute it.

**Meeting Minutes:** Denny Crutcher

- Motion to approve January 12, 2016 meeting minutes was made by Jim Fields, second by Pastor Joe. Motion carried.

**Action Items:**

- All Action Items were updated.

**Financial Report:** Art Tucker to Jim Fields via email February 3, 2016

- Giving for the month was \$19,391, which is \$18,439 lower than budget and \$1,983 higher than January 2015.
- Total expenses for the month were \$24,756, which is \$13,118 over budget. Expenses are under budget in all categories.
- The net result is that expenses exceed offerings by \$5,206 through the end of January.
- Balance Sheet: At the end of January, we have a cumulative surplus of \$182,769 in the General Fund which is a decrease of \$5,206 from the preliminary balance on December 31, 2015.
- NOTE: THESE NUMBERS ARE PRELIMINARY PENDING CONGREGATIONAL APPROVAL TO TRANSFER MONEY FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT FUND; MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 14, 2016.

## **Ministry Reports – Issues**

- Pastors Report
  - No questions.
- Chair Report
  - No questions
- Vice-chair Report
  - Susan Zaffiro gave a brief report as several of us had not received her report. The 2013 and 2014 audits are completed, Jim Jacobs has asked Chuck Welsh to look them over. Jim Jacobs also suggested that next years audit be done by an outside agency.
  - Charlie Garrison shared that our yearly audit of the prior year should be completed by June 30<sup>th</sup> per our policies.
  - Charlie Garrison also asked that we as the owner of our Boy Scout Troop audit their books.
- Treasurers Report
  - No questions
- Christian Formation
  - No questions
- Adult Ministries
  - No questions
- Giving
  - No questions.
- Stewardship and Properties
  - No questions.
- Evangelism and Outreach
  - No questions.
- Worship Committee
  - No questions

## **Old/Unfinished Business**

- No old business at this time

## **New Business**

### **Grace Community Covenant Church – Rev. Dr. Linnea Carnes**

- Linnea came to Council to share her experience with Rev. William Mack who she met in January.



Rev Mack.pdf

See attachment:

- He is a Covenant pastor of a church plant in Louisville, Ky. This church is small and is located in the northwest quadrant which is an area of the homeless, prostitutes, drug addicts, alcoholics, people on welfare and other low paying jobs. They hold services in the old St.

Cecilia's Catholic Church where their rent is \$500. His church is currently supported by the Covenant but that support will be cut from \$2,000 to \$1,000 beginning on March 1, 2016.

- They currently have an income of \$3,793.36 and expenses of \$4,858. Linnea is asking that we consider partnering with them to help them meet their financial needs.
- Council as a whole was very excited for this opportunity. Pastor Joe suggested that we could also partner our worship teams as well as a pulpit switch. It was also suggested that we let our congregation know of this opportunity if anyone might be interested.

Pastor Joe made a motion to come beside Grace Community Covenant Church for the next year using our Church Plant Designated Fund. Motion was seconded by Jim Fields. Motion carried with no objections.

#### **Nominating Committee Update** – Susan Zaffiro

- She emailed both Jean Haley and Bob Cook and they will be meeting soon. It was decided that we would take their recommendation to the Congregation for them for a confidence vote after Council approves the recommendation.
- Susan also suggested that for this year it would be a good idea that someone currently on Council offer to be the contact for worship to report to and be their voting voice. Each Council member will pray for guidance regarding taking on this assignment.

#### **Distribution Form** – Charlie Garrison

- Charlie brought the updated Distribution Form. It was decided that the comment that a copy must be given to the fund owner if not signed by the owner.

#### **Other Business**

- Regina is concerned that we need to get communication from us regarding what she either needs to do or reserving rooms for meetings.
- Denny would like to use email for resolving non sensitive issues via email so that our meetings are not so long.
- Barb Martin shared something she had seen on GLC Facebook page. They are partnering with area churches to help with the Flint water situation. She thinks that this is something we could contribute to as a church.
  - Barb Martin made a motion to send \$500 from Council Discretionary Fund to The Conference for the Flint water situation. Pastor Joe made the second. Motion carried with no objections.
- Marlene asked how women get scholarships so that they can attend functions such as Women of Faith or perhaps a Women's Retreat. Pastor Joe suggests that an Adult Scholarship Fund would be a good idea. He suggested that we ask the Congregation to approve the moving of \$5,000 from our surplus to initially fund this.
  - Pastor Joe made a motion to create an Adult Scholarship Fund to be administered by Adult Ministries. Barb Martin made the second. Motion carried with no objections.

- Marlene questioned if she could work on a Wednesday evening family night for Matthew 25 where we could start with pizza at the church and then go to Matthew 25 for an hour of service. Council was in agreement with this idea for a summer activity.
- Jim Fields asked if there will be a class on Wednesday for those who are already doing the main class on Sunday. This is in the works.
- Pastor Joe will be starting a New Members class which will be six weeks. He will be using the book, "I Am a Church Member" for this class. He will also be performing his first two baptisms on Easter, Mathias and Adele, and if there is anyone else that we know who might be interested encourage them to speak with him.
- Corey Wigal gave us an update on his search for his full time internship for school. There are currently three options that he is investigating further.
- Stephanie asked if there was any progress on the Children's and Family Minister position. Not yet, Pastor Joe will be contacting Stephanie to begin the process.

Pastor Joe closed our meeting with prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Next Regular Council meeting – March 9, 2016

Devotions – Amber Ernst

Minutes Submitted by:

Gail Garrison

Recording Secretary

## Action Items

No.	Activity	Responsibility	Status	Comments	Due Date
1	Audit 2013 & 2014	Susan Zaffiro	Closed	Susan will contact Jim Jacobs to verify status of audits	02/09/15
2	Designated Funds	Designated Funds Committee	Closed	Complete definitions and identifying owner of each fund	01/01/15
3	Open Council Position	Susan Zaffiro	Open	Nominating Committee will be	03/09/16

				meeting during February	
4	CPR Class	Barb Martin	Closed	Barb Will contact Jim Jacobs to see if he wishes her to handle setting up CPR class	02/09/16
5	Realignment of Council jobs	Pastor Joe	Open	Tabled until fall	09/01/16
6	Background Checks	Stephanie Adelsperger	Open	Pending permission slips	03/09/16
7	Devotions Schedule	Gail Garrison	Open	Update schedule to include 10 Healthy Missional Markers	03/09/16
8	Council Group Email	Pastor Joe	Closed	Update list to reflect current Council members	02/09/16
9	Distribution Form	Charlie Garrison & Council	Closed	Complete any necessary changes to form based on recommendations of Designated Funds Committee	02/09/16
10	Church Plant Designated Fund	Denny	Open	Contact Art Tucker to begin monthly distribution of funds to Grace Community Covenant Church on 3/1/16	03/01/16
11	Ministry Review	Council members	Open	Make a list of all you do for your ministry and then prioritize them	03/09/16
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