

**2019 Council
Minutes of Meeting
March 12, 2019
6:30 p.m.**

Present: Fred Guthrie, Bob Cook, Denny Crutcher, Marlene Evans, Jim Fields, Nancy Heim, Rebecca Homan, Carolyn Maschmeyer, Jerome Williams, and Susan Zaffiro. Special guest – Art Tucker

Marlene led council in discussing *Canoeing the Mountains* by Tod Bolsinger.

Meeting Called to Order/Opening Prayer: Denny opened with prayer

Relational Covenant:

- Fred read the Relational Covenant out loud.

Good God Moments:

- Fred got over being sick!
- Jerome's brother who lost his sight a few years ago has had some flashes of sight.
- Rebecca got to visit Matt and they attended a Covenant church plant in a house while she was there. Matt passed his several exams and they are more than halfway through his course!
- Susan mentioned the funeral of a teacher who passed away recently and what an impact he made on others as evidenced by the number of teachers, parents, students, and alumni who attended the service.

Minutes Approval:

- Jim made a motion to accept the minutes of the February meeting. Jerome seconded. Motion carried.

Ministry Reports –

- Interim Pastor/Staff Report
 - No questions
- Council Chair
 - No questions
- Financial Secretary Report
 - No questions
- Christian Formation Rep. Report
 - No report
- Adult Ministries
 - No questions
- Stewardship and Properties

- Questions for Bob about work requests and where they are coming from (a variety of people). He mentioned he liked the work requests coming from members of the congregation and empowering them to reach out to him with requests for repairs.
- Evangelism, Missions and Outreach (EMO)
 - No questions

Financial Report:

- No questions.

Action Items:

- See below

Old Business

1. Electronic method of giving – Report from Fred: We had a meeting last week with one possible vendor (PushPay). Chris Lutz, who is financial secretary at his church, will be at our next meeting to find out about what vendor they use (Breeze) and there's another one to look at as well. Art attended our meeting and gave several thoughts about the pros and cons of PushPay and the method in general. Art will be come next month for Chris's presentation also.
2. Staff Relations Committee – first meeting with Don is next Monday, March 18. Team is Denny, Marlene, Nancy, and Gary Maschmeyer.
3. Update on driveway/parking lot – Denny and Bob are meeting on Saturday, March 16, with the condo association about fixing/replacing the concrete.

New Business

1. February offering – Jim made a motion to donate offerings to the "Pastors in Crisis" fund of the GLC. Susan seconded. Motion carried. We will also have a special collection at the April 7 service for the fund as well.
2. February offering for church plants – Marlene found out two more churches from Garth that are in financial need (Redeemer Covenant in Caledonia, Mich., and Federated Covenant Church in Dowagiac, Mich.) Denny made a motion to give to Redeemer for February. Caroline seconded. Motion carried.
3. Church lockup during service – Denny will do it until the safety committee takes over (hopefully sometime this month).
4. Noreen Craven is interested in being our church nurse on a volunteer basis offering blood pressure testing after service, giving people rides to their doctors, visiting people in the hospital, etc. She is super excited and just asks for space for services. She is already doing some of this for some people. There might be some kind of liability insurance needed. Jim Jacobs will advise. We are in agreement to encourage Noreen to continue and expand her ministry. We just want to check with Jim about liability.

5. New members – Rainie Owen and Charlotte Cripe. Nancy and Bob (Charlotte), Jerome and Susan (Rainie) will hear their testimonies. Denny will contact Pastor Don about doing a congregational meeting to vote them in.
6. Carolyn wants to update the furniture in the library a bit. Chester and Judy Dowers will give an update on the non-food pantry to the congregation on March 31. Carolyn has formed an EMO committee of Donna Cook, Marlene, and Jim and Penny Jacobs.
7. Pastor Russo from New Life Mission will be coming in on March 17 talk about his ministry and to collect canned goods.
8. Pat Bowling approached Nancy Heim about bringing back children's Sunday School. Nancy and Rebecca are hoping to get something in place for fall.
9. Rebecca told us that they have interviewed a helper for Rosalyn to help with Kristen Romard on Sunday mornings. Rebecca and Amy will move forward with hiring a helper for Rosalyn as soon as possible. Rebecca will contact the Nouvis about having Rosalyn and future helper expand the Kristen Buddies ministry to Caleb.
10. Fred has contacted a Rabbi Michael Wolfe who is willing to do a Seder meal for us. Fred will contact Pastor Don to see when that could happen.
11. Bob brought information about a tour at the Alois Alzheimer Center later this month. Donna is planning to go and brought it to council to see if there was any interest in going with her. Council suggests that Donna ask Noreen.
12. Bob reminds us that we are a Red Cross service center which means that we are an emergency shelter in case of need for housing.
13. Nouvi and his wife want to visit their home in Africa to see family. Darrell Stone has asked that council approve a letter to go to the church to assist them in their travel expenses. Denny will gather more information.

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:

Susan Zaffiro

Recording Secretary

Action Items

No.	Activity	Responsibility	Status	Comments	Due Date
1	Children and Youth Ministry Manual	Rebecca Homan	Open	She still needs to talk with Jim Jacobs about some church insurance issues and then it will be finished!	4/9/19
2	Background Checks updated	Rebecca	Open	Several members have expiring background checks that need redone. Rebecca has put new forms in mailboxes.	ongoing
3	Meeting with the groups	Denny and Bob	Open	Denny and Bob sent a letter to non-CCC groups that meet with them on Saturday, March 16.	March
4	Website updating	Staff	In process	Staff is working on it and asks for Councils help is bringing to their attention anything that needs updated.	ongoing
5	First aid/AED training	Bob/Rebecca	Open	Tom and Nancy are planning to take training at the fire dept. in March. We will try to get a group of people to take first aid/CPR/AED training at the fire dept.	4/9/19
6	Driveway/parking lot	Denny and Bob	Open	Denny and Bob will meet this Saturday with the condo association chair about fixing the driveway and the north parking lot.	3/17/19
7	Worship computer	Ashley, Fred, and Corey	Open	Look into usefulness of current computer versus buying another one.	4/9/2019
8	List of ministries	Tom/Bob	Open	Create a list of ministries that can meet the needs of	4/9/19

				people who come during the week looking for food and services.	
9	Kristen Buddies	Rebecca/Amy	Open	Move forward with hiring an additional aide to help with Kristen and ascertain the needs of Nouvi's son Caleb. Report regarding adding the alternating Sundays to accommodate them.	4/9/19
10	Church nurse	Denny	Open	Check with Jim Jacobs regarding church's liability (if any) of having Noreen expand her ministry into an official ministry of CCC	4/9/19