

**2019 Council
Minutes of Meeting
April 9, 2019
6:30 p.m.**

Present: Fred Guthrie, Bob Cook, Denny Crutcher, Marlene Evans, Jim Fields, Pastor Don Johnson, Carolyn Maschmeyer, Jerome Williams, and Susan Zaffiro. Special guests – Chris Lutz and Art Tucker

Meeting Called to Order/Opening Prayer: Pastor Don opened with prayer.

We prayed for several members of the congregation who have particular needs.

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

Special presentation: Chris Lutz

Electronic Giving at his church as an example. He mentioned that 15 out of 22 giving units at his church give electronically regardless of age. Systems used are Breeze and Subsplash, both of which include processing/subscription fees and transaction fees (as does PushPay which we looked at several weeks ago). Chris also talked about the functionality of each software which really are “church management” systems. Functionality includes calendars, publishing bulletins, push notifications, etc. Subsplash has “sermon player” but Breeze does not. Breeze has a built-in accounting system, but Subsplash does not. Event registration on Breeze. Several other comparisons and contrasts were shared.

Chris answered several questions from council members about the electronic giving process. He also mentioned that both businesses had very good customer service.

Relational Covenant:

- Susan read the Relational Covenant out loud.

Special Guest

- Art Tucker – Marlene brought up paying down extra on the mortgage and/or interest again this year. We talked about the pros and cons of paying it down now versus continuing with our regular payments. Pastor Don encouraged us to pray about it over the next couple weeks. We need to bring it to the congregation so we will include it in the congregational meeting when we vote on new members on May 5.

Good God Moments:

- Pastor Don reported that the pastor of the church in need that we sent money to last month called him to expression her appreciation for the gift
- Marlene spent some precious time with her granddaughter Moriah.
- Bob got a suggestion from someone in the prayer group about potassium for leg cramps that has really helped his pain.
- Marlene got a text during the council meeting that her grandson Jacob received Jesus.

Minutes Approval:

- Jim made a motion to accept the minutes of the March meeting. Jerome seconded. Motion carried. Bob made a motion to accept the minutes from the closed meeting. Carolyn seconded it. 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
 - No questions
- Evangelism, Missions and Outreach (EMO)
 - No questions

Financial Report:

- No questions.

Action Items:

- See below

Old Business

1. Electronic method of giving – Bob made a motion that we move forward with online giving. Fred seconded. Motion passed. We commissioned Fred and Art to investigate the different options to bring to council.
2. We gave Pastor Don the leeway to hire a person to work with Rosalin with Kristen Buddies. He will move forward with that.
3. Staff Relations Committee – first meeting with Don was Monday, March 18, for an orientation. Team is Denny, Marlene, Nancy, and Gary Maschmeyer. They are going to next meet on April 26.

New Business

1. March offering – Susan made a motion to donate March offering to Helping Hamilton Ministries which is a ministry based in Liberty Township that serves homeless people in

the Hamilton. Marlene seconded. Motion carried. Denny will take care of donation through their website.

2. March offering for church plants – offering to Federated Covenant Church in Dowagiac, Mich.)
3. Update from Jerome on the Pastoral Search Committee. They have had several phone interviews and a couple the committee really liked, but the person(s) had to withdraw for personal reasons. Four more phone interviews coming up and they are trying to arrange a face-to-face interview with one person so far.
4. Interim pastor – Pastor Don’s last Sunday is May 26. We discussed options 1) pulpit supply 2) interim pastor 3) transitional pastor. Pastor Don and Marlene have both talked to Garth about a transitional/interim for us. Marlene, Jim, and Susan will be an interim pastor search committee.
5. Bob asked Pastor Don to give our church an evaluation as he leaves like he did at the beginning.
6. Bob reports that the safety committee is now responsible for locking the doors and monitoring the front doors.
7. Carolyn is working on a mission night to feature the Fays who have been missionaries in Thailand. The Lighthouse.
8. Marlene reports that Pastor Wayne will be here May 19.
9. Annual meeting coming up. We need two delegates to go. Marlene is considering going.

Denny closed with prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 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	5/14/19

				about some church insurance issues and then it will be finished!	
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	Closed	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	Closed	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	Closed	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.	5/14/2019
8	List of ministries	Tom/Bob	Open	Create a list of ministries that can meet the needs of people who come during the week looking for food and services.	4/9/19

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	Clarify with Jim Jacobs regarding church's liability (if any) of having Noreen expand her ministry into an official ministry of CCC	5/14/19
11	Electronic Giving	Fred and Art	Open	Investigate options for electronic giving.	5/14/19
12	Bibles for NA/AA group	Denny	Open	Get the bibles for the groups.	
13	Ministry list	All of council	Open	Bring ideas to develop a rotation for our monthly offering.	