

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

Present: Carolyn Maschmeyer, Marlene Evans, Nancy Heim, Jim Fields, Denny Crutcher, Jerome Williams, Fred Guthrie, Bob Cook, and Pastor John Robinson.

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

Special Guest: Carissa Zaffiro spoke to council. She is studying International Studies and Cross-Cultural Ministries at Taylor University and has been interning with Neighborly Faith, a group that seeks to facilitate dialogue between Christians and Muslims. Carissa proposed an interfaith gathering/dialogue/lunch with our church and a Muslim congregation. By reaching out, this would help dispel myths about the Islamic faith and would help us understand how to minister to our Muslims neighbors. Denny stated we would discuss her proposal and get a decision on a meeting or visit.

Relational Covenant: The Relational Covenant was read by Jerome.

Good God Moments:

- Denny thanked Pastor John for attending the meeting and for his leadership during his time with us.

Minutes Approval:

- May 2019 minutes were not published as of this meeting time. They will be approved/accepted at the July meeting.

Update from Search Committee:

- Jerome reported on the Pastoral Search Committee. They recalled a candidate & had a great interview with him. They will conduct interviews every Monday through mid-August.

Ministry Reports – Issues

- Pastor's Report
 - No questions
- Treasurer's Report
 - No questions
- Christian Formation
 - Nancy (CF) shared a prayer request concerning the need for teachers for new classes starting in September. Rebecca & Nancy are planning to start 2 new children's classes, a post high school/college/singles group, and a class for couples (who will be bringing kids to SS). Joyce Arnold has volunteered to teach a kids' class and Katrinka Stone will be a substitute teacher.

- Beginning on Sunday, Sept 8, Pastor John will be leading a six-week study on the book Fearless by Max Lucado. He will preach on a chapter each Sunday and lead SS classes (starting September 15) will have discussions & study the following Sunday.
 - Darrell Stone will continue teaching “basic Bible lessons” Sunday School. It has been a wonderful time of fellowship & those attending are very hungry to learn. (Maybe I should have put this in Good God Moments!!!)
- Adult Ministries
 - No questions
 - Giving
 - No questions
 - Stewardship and Properties
 - No questions
 - Evangelism, Missions and Outreach
 - Carolyn reported a donation was made to Megan Peterson for Thailand ministry. Carolyn requested CCC start supporting New Life Mission & Pastor Russo through nonperishable food and money donations every quarter.
 - Worship Committee
 - No questions

Financial Report:

Denny led a discussion concerning church giving in May being less than our budget needs and down from 2018. Bob added that the expenses are down also, since the mortgage has been paid off.

Action Items:

- Action Items will be reported at the July meeting, when the May minutes have been published.

New Business

- (1) May council donation of \$384.71 will be to New Life Mission. Marlene motioned, Nancy seconded. Carried.
- (2) Fred made a motion for the May Church Plant donation be sent to Grace Covenant Church. Carolyn seconded. Carried.
- (3) Electronic giving method: Fred, Denny & Art Tucker met with SubSplash
- (4) SRC update last met May 22. Don Johnson instructed the SRC on how to talk with staff & effectively give reviews. Next meeting is in July. An announcement of SRC’s purpose & members has been published for several weeks in the bulletin.

- (5) CCC Discoveries (handout) was reviewed. This is a compilation of member suggestions & concerns published by Don Johnson. Marlene suggested the church needs a mission. (item # 2 on handout) Bob added that we need to be doing more in our community. Carolyn suggested education our community on who CCC is, beliefs & mission. Secondly, we discussed the need for improving church wide communication. (item #5 on handout) Fred added that if we get SubSplash, it can be used as for prayer chains and group emails. Members can set up an app or use on a desktop, set up a password, set up automatic giving etc. This would be a good program to use to enhance communication. Denny will put the CCC Discoveries on the July agenda, and discussions will continue.
- (6) A "tithe history" handout was reviewed. This will remind council of what ministries we have donated to in the last few years since we began the external donation.
- (7) Denny shared that he had been approached by Charlie Garrison who is concerned that the women's ministries gathering in July will be a "fund raising" event. (refer to handout of Charlie's letter) Marlene stated that the women's ministry budget was paying \$10 per person to help defray cost of materials. Denny motioned for a vote on the women's meeting to proceed as it is not a fundraising event. Motion carried.
- (8) Marlene Evans & Noreen Craven will be delegates at the ECC meeting in Omaha. June 26-28
- (9) Charlie Garrison has asked if council would vote to let a girls Boy Scout troop meet at church. Currently, on the calendar, Monday & Wednesday evenings are available for outside group meetings. Bob suggested Monday evenings. Our goal is to get Weds evening church activities started again. Jim motioned that we let the troop meet on Monday evenings. Marlene seconded. Motion carried.
- (10) John Robinson's pastoral compensation, salary, and housing allowance will be \$4500/month plus mileage. Marlene motioned to accept this amount, Jerome seconded. Carried.
- (11) Denny will get a substitute to preach on July 28th. Pastor John will be out of town.
- (12) Denny shared concerns about the lack of growth in our church. We have an older congregation & a lack of younger people staying here to worship. A discussion followed. We did not officially have a motion, but, agreed to have Denny go forward with ideas for programs to help with church growth.

Bob closed the meeting with prayer.

Minutes Submitted by:

Nancy Heim, in the absence of Recording Secretary Susan Zaffiro