

New Song Council Meeting

April 24, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 5:59pm by 2018 Treasurer Sue Pollman. Present were Pastor Paul, Pastor Kathy, Sheila Siino, Sue Pollman, Doug Gab, Melissa Williams, Art Clayton, Martha Steele-Wright and Todd Enerson. Jim Long and Sue Clark were absent.

Sue Pollman opened with a devotional and prayer. Art will do the devotional in May and Sheila will take June.

It was verified that minutes of the March meeting were approved via email. Those present verified that the method of approval was working well.

Pastor Paul's report consisted of the following discussion points:

1. The invitation portion of the evangelism initiative has begun. Barbara Sharp is leading an effort to send out welcome letters to our new neighbors in the 89052, 89044 and 89183 zip codes. We are anticipating 200 letters per month. They will be hand addressed and signed by either Pastor Paul or Pastor Kathy.
2. The moving into the new addition has begun. The pastor's offices are moved, as well as the music and business offices. The conference room has a larger table and the cabinets have been removed so we can enjoy the view from the windows. Sheila Siino is working on the "Living" room. Jackie will remain in her current location until we secure the permit for the school.
3. The pastors are looking at special events for Holy Spirit weekend, May 18-20. Suggested itinerary include a Talent Show and youth sponsored dinner on May 18, a Hiking Bible Study the morning of May 19, a Pentecost Celebration and a Spanish worship service on May 20.
4. Two request from church members were discussed. It was determined that additional research was needed before a decision or alternatives were communicated.

Pastor Kathy's report consisted of the following discussion points:

1. An update on the National Youth Gathering was given. Fundraising has reached the desired level needed. Efforts will continue to provide a cushion and reduce the amount needed from the money budgeted. Other opportunities are selling frozen yogurt at the School Open House, working with Kneaders for a percent of the bills during specific days and a pancake breakfast.
2. Middle School youth are continuing to rotate between confirmation classes, fun and friendship, and service projects.
3. Kid's JAM and God's Kidz are winding down and will conclude by the end of May. The Summer Camp events planning is in full swing. Volunteers and items for use are needed.

Old Business:

1. Sheila gave a School Advisory Team (SAT) report. The open house and ribbon cutting is scheduled for April 29. Tours will be conducted, food will be available and wish list items will be available to help finish the addition project.
2. Doug and Art gave a Facilities update. We are still working on securing the Certificate of Occupancy. The school will probably finish in the current building. All shelving is in and a plan for utilization is complete. They are looking at a strategy for cleaning the facilities. The vision is volunteers to clean on Friday and then a cleaning service to clean on Sunday after worship services and special events. A timeline for a Request for Proposal (RFP) will be developed by Pastor Paul, Jackie and Michelle Gab. A policy for room use expectations will also be drafted. We are short approximately \$6,700 for paying off the school construction costs. A meeting is scheduled with the contractor to discuss some charges that might be reduced.
3. Art Clayton and Nancy Hembold will be the synod representatives.
4. Todd is continuing to work with Pastor Brad on a description of the painting that is on display in the entrance area.
5. The paving and sealing in some areas in front of the new addition that was approved in March has been put on hold based on our current financial situation.
6. Pastor Paul presented a check for \$5,000 to LSS. We received a Thank You note and a request for additional funding over the next 3 years. This will be discussed when the 2019 budget is developed.

Sue P presented the end-of month financial report for March 2018. Our average attendance was down by 3. Our mortgage payments are on track. Unfortunately, we continue to be behind our 2018 projections for the first quarter by \$32,000. Although this is an improvement from last month, the council has decided that we need to activate the Financial Management team. It was suggested again that we may need to educate current congregation on how stewardship is used to keep the church healthy and thriving. A discussion about how to help those that could request Thrivent sponsorship of events. An idea of a sponsor to help with paperwork requirements was suggested. More to come.

New Business:

1. Pastor Paul requested that Jim Long and Sue Clark connect with Joel from MIF to discuss refinance opportunities for the mortgage.
2. Jackie was presented with a gift to celebrate Administrator Day.
3. Pastor Paul reported on the New Song Golf team formation. They are still looking for men and women golfers to join the team. Steve Hethcote is the point of contact.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 22th at 6pm.

The council closed the meeting at 7:28pm

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Williams – Recording Secretary