

New Song Council Meeting

May 22, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm by 2018 Vice President Sue Clark. Present were Pastor Paul, Pastor Kathy, Sue Clark, Sheila Siino, Sue Pollman, Doug Gab, and Melissa Williams. Jim Long, Art Clayton, Martha Steele-Wright and Todd Enerson were absent.

Sheila Siino opened with a devotional and prayer. Art will do the devotional in June.

It was verified that minutes of the April meeting were approved via email.

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

1. The Spanish language service held on Sunday, May 20 had 52 in attendance. Another Spanish language service will be held on Sunday, June 3. The council was encouraged by the attendance and will explore where we are being lead with this opportunity.
2. May saw seven new disciples join New Song: Joe and Kim Ayers, Stephanie Wasano, George and Joanne Thune, Rosemary Renois and Josh Herrington. Eight youth were confirmed: Shaun Bertuzzi, Miles Block, Tiffany Day, Bryson Drace, Noelle Enerson, Madison Kreitter, Adam Romero, and Aubriana Weisbach. The confirmations were approved by the council.
3. The sermon series for July will be the Sermon on the Mount. The ministry team will explore having bible study and small groups participate in a more in depth study of this sermon.
4. Pastor Paul would like to explore building a "New Song Bible Society" whose mission would be to provide Bibles for the congregation and community. It was suggested that the Bible Trivia Bowl could serve as a primary source of funding. Approval was given to investigate this possibility.
5. Eugene Grimm donated \$1500 to support the library. This is in honor of his wife, who was a librarian. Allison Grant is working out the details. A plaque will be created to memorialize the gift.

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

1. An update on the National Youth Gathering was given. Fundraising efforts for the month of May brought in additional funds. There will be a commission service on Sunday, June 24 at the 10:30am service. The group leaves on June 27th.
2. Vacation Bible Study has 65 students enrolled, up from 49 last year. Camp Hope has over 20 enrolled. Karen Turnbull will be leading the Performing Arts Camp. With the increased enrollment volunteers and items for use are needed
3. The Middle School Thursday afternoon program, as well as Kid's JAM and God's Kidz have concluded. They will resume when school starts back up.

Old Business:

1. Sheila gave a School Advisory Team (SAT) report. The team held a lunch for the teachers and presented each of them with a \$25 Target gift card. She communicated that Jackie would like to see if we could approve a raise for the teachers for the upcoming school year. Sue Pollman will work with Jackie to see if this request can be supported.
 2. Doug gave a Facilities update. Based on the latest financial report it looks like all the construction costs of the school addition will be met with donations from the congregation and others. This was met with a round of applause. They are continuing to look 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. Work continues on minor parking lot issues. The new irrigation system is complete. The new locks and security system are in place. There will be a learning process for the staff and congregation. A communication to the church is in the works.
 3. We did not receive an update from Todd on his work with Pastor Brad on a description of the painting that is on display in the entrance area. An update will be given at the next meeting.
 4. Upon his return, Jim and Sue P. will schedule an MIF meeting to discuss refinance opportunities.
 5. Assignments were made for Coffee with Council. Council members will be available from 9-10:30am the first Sunday of the month. The Sunday schedule is:

June 3 – Sue Clark	July 1 – Sheila Siino	Aug 5 – Sue Pollman
Sept 2 – Doug Gab	Oct 7 – Art Clayton	Nov 4 – Todd Enerson
Dec 2 – Martha Steele-Wright		
- For those attending the Saturday night service, Melissa Williams will be available at 5pm to address concerns.
6. Minutes of the Church Council meeting are posted to the New Song website once they are approved. It was suggested that they also be emailed to all members of the congregation that have provided an email address. Pastor Paul will discuss this with Jackie.

Financial Report:

Sue P presented the end-of month financial report for April 2018. Our average attendance was up by 8 when compared to last year. Our mortgage payments are on track. Unfortunately, we continue to be behind our 2018 projections for the year by almost \$44,000. The staff has done a tremendous job on reducing cost, but we are not generating the revenue needed through our tithing. Now that the school addition is

covered, the hope is that attention will return to supporting New Song's budget. The council has affirmed 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. No action was taken on how to help those that could request Thrivent sponsorship of events, including having a sponsor to help with paperwork requirements was suggested.

New Business:

1. The council rejected a request to allow a big truck to park in our lot for extended periods of time.
2. The facilities team was authorized to solicit bids for pest control for the church. Approval of a business will be through email of the council members.
3. Another request was presented to Pastor Paul that the council felt needed more research before a motion could be made.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 26th at 6pm. There will not be a council meeting in July.

The council closed the meeting at 7:58pm

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Williams – Recording Secretary