

## **New Song Council Meeting**

**June 26, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 6:03pm by Jim Long. Present were Pastor Paul, Jim Long, Sue Clark, Sheila Siino, Sue Pollman, Art Clayton, Martha Steele-Wright and Melissa Williams. Pastor Kathy, Doug Gab and Todd Enerson were absent.

Pastor Paul opened with a reading of the Beatitudes from Matthew and a prayer. Art will do the devotional in August.

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

1. June saw one new disciple join New Song: Abby Herrington. Two members were baptized: Josh Harrington and Kellan Ayers. Five funerals were held in June: William Palmer, John Loberg, Greg Enerson, Enrico Torcaso, and Carol Derner.
2. The Spanish language service held on Sunday, June 3 had 30 in attendance. We are looking at holding a mini VBS in August before school starts. After discussions with the Synod (Pastor Miguel), Nueva Cancion is applying for SAWC (Synodically Authorized Worshiping Community) status. This will allow for funding from the ELCA.
3. The sermon series for July will be the Sermon on the Mount. There will be two bible studies for a more in depth study of this sermon.

Session 1: July 28 at 4pm; July 29 at 11:45am; August 1 at 10am (attend one)

Session 2: August 4 at 4pm, August 5 at 11:45am; August 8 at 10am (attend one)

4. Work continues on planning a Holy Land trip in October 2019. We are looking at a group of 20-40.
5. The council is exploring providing child care for Sunday morning.
6. Some members of the congregation have expressed an interest in a prison ministry.

Even though Pastor Kathy was preparing for her trip to Houston, she did provide a report that consisted of the following discussion points:

1. On June 27, Pastor Kathy, Cade Hagen and 14 youth headed for the National Youth Gathering. The group returns on July 3rd. They will be leading worship on August 12 and 13.
2. Vacation Bible School had over 100 kids sign up and participate, up from 49 last year. Both weeks of Camp Hope had over 50 kids, which were triple of last year. Karen Turnbull led the Performing Arts Camp, which was at its maximum of 20 students. Pastor Kathy would like to thank the youth who stepped up and did a great job leading this effort. Also thanks to the many volunteers that made these four weeks a success.
3. Come August the Children's Ministry will be reaching out to the participants of our summer activities to invite them to our programs.

Old Business:

1. Art gave a Facilities update. The Fire Alarm approval is complete. The architect is working with the Fire Marshall on the final review and approval. The storage unit plan is complete and being executed, including storage of worship related musical items. The Facilities team is requesting bids for a new alarm system and door locks. It was suggested that we look at placing solar lights in the rose garden. They are continuing to look at a strategy for cleaning the facilities. An August 15 goal has been set for completion of Request for Proposal (RFP) which will be developed by David O., Art C. and Doug G. A draft policy for room use expectations was presented by Sue P. The Facilities team will get together to continue this effort.
2. 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.
3. Jim and Sue P. are discussing refinance opportunities with MIF to see if it will provide any savings.

#### Financial Report:

Sue P. presented the end-of month financial report for May 2018. Our average attendance was up by 13 when compared to last year (this does not include the Nueva Cancion service). Our mortgage payments are on track with 2 in the bank. Unfortunately, our gap to our 2018 budget projections grew from \$44,000 in April to \$59,000 in May. The staff continues to do a tremendous job on reducing cost, but we are not generating the revenue needed through our tithing. The Financial Management team met in June. Some actions were delegated from the team and they will reconvene in September to see if progress has been made or to look at additional options that were recommended.

#### New Business:

1. Josh Harrington met with the council to discuss the need for a new piano. He communicated the problems with the current piano. Then he presented some options based on his work with Southern Nevada Music. The council had questions on finance options, maintenance and fundraising and tasked Josh to communicate to the council when he has additional information.
2. Jim L. will lead a mid-year review for the congregation on July 28 at 3:00pm.
3. Sheila S. asked if New Song had any formal documentation concerning facilities charges for music, AV, set-up/clean-up and other services. She will work with church leadership to determine if a policy is needed.
4. AARP-UHC has requested information for room use. Pastor Paul will get with the OPTICS leadership team.

Since there is no July meeting, our next meeting will be Tuesday, August 28 at 6pm. The meeting was adjourned at 8:02pm

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Williams – Recording Secretary