

Peace Church Council Meeting 12/12/2022

President Jay Moser called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Present were Bruce Landis, Jane Metcalf, Lucy Sharp, and Lanette Schutte. Elaine Knoke-Martin joined by phone. Guest appearance by Gary Kuhle to discuss building concerns. .

Devotions: Lanette shared a Christmas prayer as a reminder of what Christmas is really about.

Approval of last month's minutes: Correction from November's minutes. The memorial committee will be evaluating the photo history in the narthex and looking for replacement options, which is a project identified for next year. With this correction Lucy moved that the minutes be approved. Bruce seconded and the motion carried.

Financial Report: Bruce reported that we had a good month for offerings. Even though the month was good we are still behind for the year. We will also be working on a Stewardship campaign for the near future. Holiday bonuses were discussed, and Jane moved that we provide Deb Johnson, Gary Kuehl, Laura Moser, Lynn (custodian), Pastor Mark, and Anne Franta a fifty dollar bonus for a grand total of \$350. Lucy seconded and the motion carried.

Building and Grounds: Gary Kuehl joined the group to voice his concerns about the deterioration of our beautiful church. The tuck pointing is in very bad shape throughout the whole building. The bell tower is missing mortar allowing the elements to come in. Gary is going to work to get a few quotes so we can figure out the best approach to start resolving this issue.

There were some concerns with snow removal during the last snowfall. The steps were not cleaned off and there was some trouble with starting the snow blower. Jay is going to discuss this with Deb to make sure expectations are understood.

Christian Education: Lanette reported that the confirmation, bible study, and Sunday school students have been busy rehearsing for the Christmas program which is Sunday December 18th.

Jane reported that on November 30th, the confirmation and bible study kids met at her house to discuss the history of our church with Kenny.

Worship: Christmas Eve service will be at 7 pm. With no Christmas day service. Lucy emailed Deb to make sure it gets up on the marquee outside. Sharon Seney offered to tell a story on New Year's Day. Fran Derhammer has offered to do a reenactment for Good Friday. There will be more to come on that.

Missions: Jane reported that the committee has been focused on the gift tree, and putting the baskets together. 41-42 baskets were assembled and delivered on Sunday 12/11. Grace Cafe

will be on December 15th. Crock Pots of soup are needed and they are going to use the leftover sloppy joes.

Memorial: Elaine reported that Sue Gnagy is working on the final numbers and will have everything ready to go for the annual meeting.

New Business: Paper for the Tidings: Deb provided information on the cost of different colored paper. We will use the yellow paper until gone and then will use white paper. Jane moved that we change the color of the paper for the Tidings as a way to cut costs. Lanette seconded and the motion carried.

Nine people ordered Poinsettias that will be displayed at the front of the church.

Custodial Care: Concerns from the congregation were brought to the council about the appearance of the building. We will be meeting with Lynn to do a walk through of the facilities and make sure everyone understands the expectations to keep our church clean.

Fall Festival: A report was submitted from the committee laying out the totals from each facet of the event. The event went well, and looks like the total brought in was \$12,627.00. Still waiting on a bill from Wilkes so expenses might change. The committee submitted a request to change the budget which will be discussed more during the annual meeting.

The council will also be discussing a date to schedule the annual meeting and possibly setting up a Zoom meeting for those who can not be there in person. Bruce is going to talk to Deb about making an announcement to let the congregation know that we will be looking for two new council members this year.

Adjournment: Jane moved that the meeting be adjourned. Lucy seconded and the motion carried.

President Jay Moser adjourned the meeting at 6:30 pm.

Submitted by Council Secretary,
Lanette Schutte

Next meeting: January 9, 2023

Devotions: Bruce