

Peace Church Council Meeting Minutes

August 9, 2022

Call to order: President Jay Moser called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. Present were Jane Metcalf, Lucy Sharp, and Lanette Schutte. Elaine Knoke-Martin joined by phone. Bruce Landis was absent.

Devotions: Jane read from OMG! Be quick about it. Life is full of moments, and we must find the best way to react. In the passage it states to be quick to listen and slow to speak and slow to anger. We should be quick to extend forgiveness and apologize and slow to do harm.

Minutes: Correction to July's minutes. In the financial report it was noted that all funds were moved from the Memorial Fund to the General Fund. To clarify all the funds needed to cover the expenses for building repairs were transferred. These expenses were to cover the roof and the sound system. With those corrections Lucy moves that the minutes be approved. Jane seconded; the motion carried.

Financial Report: Bruce was absent, no report. There was some discussion about asking Kristina to join a council meeting one or two months to go over the report in person. We are still looking for a tenant for the Parsonage. Jay is going to visit with Jennifer and Curtis at the City office to see if they have any leads. Jane moved to approve the financial report, Lanette seconded: the motion carried.

Pastor's Report: No report.

Committee Reports:

Christian Education: Jane reported that seven kids were able to attend the mission trip. The cost of the trip was covered by donations from the Endowment & Missions Committees, as well as a donation from Gear for yard work that was done at their home by the kids. A member also made a cash donation. The day started at the Humane Society; the kids learned how the adoption process works. They also spent time bagging up cat food for those pet owners who are having trouble feeding their animals. The kids enjoyed giving the animals some love and attention as well. Then they were off to the House of Hope. An organization that was created by Cedar Valley Ministers for women with children in need of a safe place. Lots of yard work was needed there. They also spend time at the NE Iowa Food Bank. The kids work in an assembly line to put together boxes of for seniors in need. They were able to complete 180 boxes out of 200. After the hard work they were able to enjoy some fun at Lost Island and enjoy some fellowship together as they had lunch and McDonald's and dinner and Pizza Ranch.

Buildings & grounds: Gary spoke to Jay about getting a new bid from Kuempel about the tuck pointing. We also spoke about addressing the reason the basement gets wet when we have a heavy rain. Council did agree this would be a more pressing issue but will look into both repairs. We spoke about adding a railing to the front of the sanctuary. Jane is going to talk with John Metcalf for placement recommendations.

Worship: Lucy reported that we have six Sunday that we don't have pulpit supply. Council will be working to fill these dates. Sunday August 14 is our outside service at Founders Park. Jane is putting Lucy in touch with Alice Gifford to see if she would be willing to sing. Pastor Mark asked that we consider moving communion to the second Sunday of each month since he can be here to conduct the service. Jane moved that we change communion to the second Sunday of the month so Pastor Mark can conduct the service. Lucy seconded; the motion carried.

Missions: Pool Party is Sunday August 14th, with a small meal to follow. Some discussion was had about Grace Café. JoAnne will be having surgery and wants to make sure the service continues. Jane will speak with the Mission committee.

Memorial: Elaine reported that \$6400 has been approved to improve the back room. This will include paint, flooring, and some furniture. The memorial committee also approved payment for the outside office sign. Jay thought this had already been paid for, he will look into that. The committee also reached out to Julie Tappen to let her know how her parents' donation was used.

Mary French also donated \$500 in honor of her parents Kenny & Geri French. The committee will meet again on the 19th.

Old Business: Job descriptions: The search committee is working on the description for the Pastors position. Jay is going to speak with Deb to see if she can start compiling job duties to help this process along.

The results to the survey were compiled, council members will review and spend some time during September's meeting discussing the results.

New Business: Sandy Kramer has a committee in place for the Fall Festival and would like to have the event in person. The council is on board with this, it is a wonderful event. The event does require additional help to work so there should be some consideration on the time frame for this event. The early part of November seems to have worked the last couple years. This allows for other fall events to have ended. Which will allow for more attendance and more volunteers. Elaine moved that we have an in person Fall Festival. Lanette seconded: the motion carried.

Deb proposed a Prayer Chain. If someone had a need for prayer, they could call or email the church office. Then the church puts it in an email and sends it to those members of the

congregation who sign up to receive the request. Jane moved that we ask Deb to create the Prayer Chain as she has laid out in her request. Lucy seconded: the motion carried.

We also talked about instructions/lessons on how to use the sound system and how to speak into the microphone.

Next Council Meeting: September 12 ,2022, at 5:30 p.m.

Devotions: Bruce

Adjournment: Lanette moved the meeting be adjourned. Lucy seconded. The motion carried. President Jay Moser adjourned the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lanette Schutte, Council Secretary