

Peace Church Council meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm on Monday, March 13, 2023 by Jay Moser.

Attending: Jay Moser, Marlis Huinker, Jane Metcalf, Mike Anderson, Lucy Sharp, Elaine Knoke-Martin (by phone). Bruce Landis as a guest.

Jane Metcalf read a piece called Unequivocal for Devotions which pointed to speaking truth to what you believe.

Jane made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Marlis questioned the amount for Peacemakers whether it should be \$250 or \$350. There was discussion. Marlis seconded and the minutes were approved.

Bruce Landis reported on the church insurance. A questionnaire needs input from Jay and Gary and some procedures need to be written if we wish to pursue a lower rate. He will ask Gifford Insurance to also give us a quote. The current provider is one that serves churches.

2023 is the 100 year anniversary of the church and it was suggested that as part of the celebration a capital campaign fund for building repairs be started. Jane suggested holding an event that coincides with the Fall Festival. Bruce suggested that people could share their stories about the church during a service.

Bruce visited the Trickle Bee Cafe in Milwaukee which is a “pay what you can” cafe. It could be a mission for our youth.

Memorial Committee - Elaine reported that the picture board in the narthex needs repairing/replacing. She stated that they will research an electronic solution with a monitor that has a “slideshow” of photos and would be an attractive and easy way to update. Elaine will ask the Committee to approve paying for the replacement of the boiler in the church basement. A new routing slip to track requests from the point of request to payment was introduced by Penni Leonard and will be adopted going forward.

Missions and Christian Ed - Jane stated they met on April 2 and have Grace Cafe covered to June. Some kids from St. Joseph’s have offered to help. A date was set for the distribution of Bibles - May 7 - when Pastor Mark will be preaching. She requested that the “Statement of Faith” be included in the service after the sermon hymn as the youth are studying it. Jane moved that the Statement of Faith be read weekly through May; seconded by Mike and approved.

The following roles were agreed on: Jay Moser - President; Jane Metcalf - Missions and Christian Ed; Elaine Knoke-Martin - VP and Memorial; Marlis Huinker - Finance; Mike

Anderson and Jay Moser - Buildings & Grounds; Lucy Sharp - Worship and Secretary duties to be shared.

Worship Committee - The following preaching schedule is tentative:

3/26. Craig Strutt

4/2 Pastor Mark (Palm Sunday)

4/6 - 7pm Maundy Thursday - communion in Herbster Hall

4/7 - 7 pm Good Friday with Pastor Mark and Fran Derhammer

4/9 - 9 am Easter Sunday with Pastor Mark

4/16 Madeleine Tyler from Wartburg

4/23 and 30 ??

5/7 Pastor Mark

5/14 ?? (Mother's Day)

5/21 and 28 (Memorial Day weekend) ??

6/4. Pastor Mark

6/11. Madeleine Tyler

6/18. Tentative Madeleine Tyler

6/25 ??

7/2. Pastor Mark (July 4th weekend)

7/9. Tentative Pastor Mark

7/16, 23, 30 ??

8/6 and 13 Tentatively Pastor Mark

Pastor Mark asked us to see if church members would be willing to host guests for an international conference to be held at Wartburg. They need housing for about 15 people April 16-18. He will talk about the conference and need on Sunday.

Pastor Mark wrote two sermons that were delivered by Sue Stott and Steve McCorkindale. Jane moved that a \$200 donation be made to Wartburg Seminary as directed by Pastor Mark; Marlis seconded and it was approved.

Jay fixed the candle holders at the front of the church.

Buildings & Grounds - Jay reported the boiler is cracked and it will take 16-18 weeks to get it replaced. Mike moved to approve the purchase of a new boiler not to exceed \$6,000 depending on the approval of the Memorial Committee; seconded by Marlis and approved.

The AED pads need to be replaced at \$75 each and it needs a container to hold it. Debbie suggested a sign be placed on the door that it's located in the library. Mike moved that the pads and container be ordered and signs made; Jane seconded and it was approved.

A bid was received from Kuempl for \$8,712 to tuckpoint and add a metal cap. SMI, Jon Banse, will also prepare a bid.

The video camera was repaired and computer upgraded.
Ann and Steve McCorkindale offered to pay for outdoor staining at the manse.

Mike suggested filling in the stairwell to the basement that is currently blocked off.

Finance - Marlis looked into the various bank accounts. There are 4 at Central State Bank and 5 at Freedom. She will draft procedures for spending by the committees. Mike moved that expenditures not to exceed \$250 without Council approval and donations made by committees need approval by the Council and flow through the General Fund; Elaine seconded and it was approved.

Due to rising costs at the florist, Marlis moved that the price of altar flowers be increased from \$25 to \$30; Mike seconded and it was approved.

Marlis has been reviewing the bank statements. VANCO is charging a service charge for their service. There is only 1 person using this service. Marlis will contact the member and talk with her about alternative ways to contribute.

New Business - Mike gave an update from the Search Committee.

Mike moved to authorize Kristina Miller and Barb Chandler for The Women's Fellowship bank account and for Kristina Miller and Lois Storbeck for the Peacemaker's bank account; Lucy seconded and it was approved.

Jay recommended forming a capital campaign to pay for the building tuckpointing.

Mike moved to adjourn at 7:12; seconded by Marlis.

Respectfully submitted,
Lucy Sharp