

Church council minutes July 11, 2023

In Attendance: Catherine Carlson, Craig Bolt, Alicia Dunn, Doug Muschett, Lydia Ziauddin, Pastor Kate, Ben Little *Excused:* Jay Meservy, Kevin Clarke, Amie Branson, Ruth Hendricks, Christy Reinking

The meeting opened at 5:35 pm with Ben leading a devotion about being grateful for the good in our country, with a renewed perspective after welcoming friend/ministry partner Saron who came to visit from Cambodia. Saron felt safe and loved while visiting the US among Ben and Karen's family and community. Ben invited us to consider and count our blessings for the country we live in despite its problems.

June council minutes were approved.

Pastor's Report: Pastor has identified potential new members and will confirm her list with Craig's. She and Jenny had already made an offering card to add for the offering plate. Monthly evening prayer service begins this week. The Pride service in June was well received and Pastor hopes to continue that tradition in the future. Pastor is leading a full month of table talks.

Committees:

Personnel: The personnel committee has already met with Pastor Kate for a mutual annual review ("we're all very happy and moving forward" per Ben); the committee is awaiting their meeting with Caroline.

Green Team: The church will participate in an energy audit. Doug B is looking into a recycling project that will reduce waste and benefit the church and community.

Finance: The congregation continues to have a deficit though the deficit is starting to decrease: "we are less far behind this month" per Craig. The council continues to encourage congregation members toward generous, sacrificial giving.

Other matters: Council discussed specific details about the content and format of the offering card which Pastor and Donna will tweak and complete. Council suggested giving away the reusable LOTM bags to new visitors. Council also discussed questions for the phone check-in to all members, adding the question: "what would you like to see more of and/or what new things should we consider as we live out our mission?" We will seek to complete these calls by the end of September. Ladies' lunch bunch will meet again on Aug 7 at 1 pm at the Uptown in Frisco.

The next council meeting will take place on Tue, Aug 8 at 5:30 pm. Alicia will lead opening and closing devotions.

The meeting closed with admonishment to be thankful and a prayer by Pastor Kate. Meeting ended at 6:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lydia Ziauddin