

## May 24, 2021 Council Meeting

**Attendees:** Rick Burnett, Pastor Fritz, Robbi, Sue Byers, Lisa Manthey, Pastor Miriam, Eric Jakubowski, Carol Jensen-Linton, Scott Bosecker, Mike Oliver, Brad Harris, Mark Bunker

Meeting began by singing happy birthday to Eric Jakubowski.

Devotional: Sue Byers

Talked about a visit to the north Georgia mountains. While she was up there, she was reminded of the verse "Be still and know that I am the Lord, your God". It made her think of the struggles and turmoil's associated with our present times as we re-emerge in a post Covid world. There are a lot of sides to peoples views and this can cause stress and anxiety. The scripture calls us to trust God more and what is sovereign. Instead of holding on to our every day lives we should stop struggling and surrender ourselves to God's sovereignty. We need to see him in our hearts and in our everyday world. We need to see him in the laughter of a child, the colors in the sky, the everyday acts of kindness. We need to be still. Her prayer is for all of us to go from the busyness and static in our minds and remember to be still and know that he is God.

Pastor Fritz:

Started by saying he's celebrating that we struck water at 260 feet at Palmetto Road. The flow rate is 6-7 gallons per minute. The water will allow for gardening, bathrooms, etc. It's almost as if God is saying use the water however would be beneficial for us.

He went through various thank you letters by the synod, Hoops for Haiti, etc for the gifts that COS has provided this year.

Referenced Melissa's sermon this past week and challenged us to bring someone new to COS for a service. Let's get people back into the church!

### **Reference Pastor Report.**

Thanked everybody for their hard work and efforts.

Pastor Miriam:

Reference congregational report. Started by discussing the funerals that both Fritz and Miriam have done.

Discussed our synagogue friends with Zoom Shiva, Ralph and Angie Ellis. Ralph tragically lost his sister to a bicycle accident two weeks ago.

Performed grief counseling for multiple people as well as surgery support.

Thanked Dave and Sue Byers for their help in ushering, parking lot, etc.

Covered first communion class. All seven children received their first communion this past Sunday.

Administrative Items: Rick Burnett

Motion to approve the minutes. Rick made a motion to approve, Sue seconded. Minutes passed unanimously.

Do we want to replace Molly on council? Rick felt that we shouldn't replace her at this time as that would result in a reduced time on council. Two years and seven months. Discussion among council on whether it would be beneficial to replace her position.

Carol put forward a motion to leave Molly's position vacant. The motion was seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Rick brought up whether we would meet in June in person. He asked how everyone felt about getting back together in person.

Finance: Mark

Mark reviewed the summary report for the month of April. Revenue down by \$8.7k. Expenses were down as well. Anticipate significant losses for June planned due to insurance premiums and painting part of exterior. With the PPP forgiveness we have nearly \$110,000 surplus. We had a nice \$86,000 in total deposits. Mike asked how concerned we should be with the negative losses that would have been incurred were it not for the PPP loan.

As of April, \$728,000 in cash and investments. \$2.3m in main building. Palmetto Rd. is \$350,000. Net equity is \$3.1m.

Dedicated funds are separate from operating budget. Include: Called to Action (CTA), reserves for key ministries such as music, youth funds etc. and special gifts.

Income is \$722,000 about 13% below budget.

Operating expenses were \$612,000, about 26% less than budget, including \$109,500 of expenses reduction due to PPP loan forgiveness.

Projected carry over surplus is \$46,000.

Budget assumes 7% growth vs forecast and is 13% reduction vs FY21 budget.

Proposed budget is projecting a \$75,000 deficit. We are planning \$13,000 in maintenance items from restricted accounts (balance sheet) in FY22.

Key changes YOY: total expenses are \$100,000 higher than FC. Mainly due to facility being closed and expenses reduced.

Motion to for Council to approve Fiscal Year 2022 budget for consideration by congregation. Eric motioned for approval. Scott seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Reference the April Finance report for a detailed list of specifics. Pastor Fritz thanked Mark for all of his work and the Finance Committee work. PPP loan will now appear on our income statement.

Wearing masks: Rick

Confirm the online vote to approve staff's recommendation to follow new CDC guidelines. Council voted 11/11 in favor.

FMT update : Lisa Manthey

Well was drilled and water found. \$5,500 allocated last month was well spent. Another \$3,000 from CTA allocated by Lisa, Sue and Rick at meeting with FMT pending council approval. Money to be spent on determining whether the existing septic system is usable and whether the system is just a tank or tank and leaching field. Looking at concrete pathways for better access.

Motion by Rick "Council agrees to approve another \$3,000 from CTA to perform five bullets in Lisa's report". Scott seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Congregation Meeting slide review: Rick Burnett

Eric said it would be helpful for someone to count the online quorum number. We need one or two people to help count and a scribe. Rick suggested three people to help himself as well as Eric conducting the meeting.

Technology Team: Eric Jakubowski

Tech team focus the past month has been data migration and internet backup. Switched phone system from Cysco system to online system. Looking to move COS data to OneDrive which is a Microsoft cloud based application. Each staff member will get up to 50GB of data storage. There will be training involved to get each user up to speed.

Sanctuary Improvement Project: Mike Oliver

Decisions: things we are going to do. Moving toward decisions: things we'd like to do.

Ideas/Proposals: Wishlist

Meeting closed with the Lord's prayer at 8:37.