

COS Council Meeting

September 27, 2021

Members Present: Pastor Fritz, Pastor Miriam, Rick Burnett, Sue Byers, Lisa Manthey, Robbi Martin, Carol Jensen, Scott Bosecker, Mark Oliver, Eric Jakubowski, Brad Harris, Mark Bunker

Devotional (Sue): Spent the majority of her professional life in education. When talking about the success of a student, it is often about the scores of a student. When schools underperform, the answer oftentimes is to close them and then restart them. Destroy and rebuild is often found throughout the Bible. Destroying and rebuilding can be healthy – leaving a bad relationship, leaving a bad job, etc. COS has helped her build her relationship with Jesus Christ. The tools that COS has given her has allowed her to have a better relationship with her family. God’s transformation in our lives can often be about getting rid of something and bringing something better in.

Kevin Hawkins: Gave an update on Stewardship. Reviewed the message in a book called “Abundance” by Michael Ward. Discussed reframing stewardship to make the message more relatable and achievable to members. Emphasized taking the message from a message of scarcity to one of abundance. Gave a challenge to Council members to consider becoming a matching donor to encourage the congregation to increase giving. Kevin provided Council with a written report from the Stewardship team discussing their efforts.

Pastor Fritz: Reviewed his Senior Pastor statement. The full statement is online. Bible study groups are doing really well. We have four groups that meet. Two of them have 20 + attendees. Across denominations pastors are seeing a 30/40/30 trend. 30% of the post Covid members are gone. 40% are there but at a reduced capacity. 30% are more involved than ever. Sermon series “Under Pressure” has gotten great feedback.

Pastor Miriam: Reviewed her update. Talked about how on Sunday’s nearly every room on the upstairs of the church is occupied with classes. Discussed some of the classes from adult to youth that are happening each week. Preschool is up and running but the numbers are low. Introduced the idea of maybe installing charging stations for electric cars and in so doing becoming the first church in the area to do that.

Mark Bunker (Finance): Refer to August 2021 Financial Summary for specifics.

Rick Burnett (Administrative items):

Reviewed who had keys to the Finance Office.

2022 COS CC Nomination Committee Process to begin soon. Rick to transition to Sue.

Ratified COS Constitution sent to Synod.

Motion to approve August Minutes – Mark Oliver presented the motion. Scott seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Document Management Update: Organizing our “stuff”. Indirectly pointed out as a weakness in the recently completed audit. Linda has organized everything for the church office. Refer to audit sent by Rick in August. Mark/Steve have responsibility for Financials, Richard/Eric – Electronic.

Rick asked if we ever came up with a Consent form for Liability Release related to project in Newnan.

Robbi (Contemporary Service Team (Life after Sandra): Talked about the desire to have both new faces and current band members to participate on the contemporary service band. By bringing in as many people as possible it can be kind of a tryout to see who the best fitting candidates could be. In addition, by bringing in members of the old band again we may get a better variety of music and styles. The goal is to have the best service possible.

Mike Oliver (Sanctuary Enhancement Team) – Team met for first time in six weeks. Refer to the September Sanctuary report for an in-depth review of the items covered.

Scott (Communication Team) – Refer to September Communication Report. Encourage all Council members to become Facebook Friends with Shelley to share this Sunday’s service at Palmetto.

Meeting concluded at 8:40 with the Lord’s Prayer.