

Church Council  
Minutes – July 31, 2022

Administrator:  
Ryon Miro

Attendees:

Elizabeth Chamblee

Weston Cheatham

Jane DeCristofaro

Karen Evans

Antoinette Gaboton-Moss

Larry Griner

Gil Johnson

Nicole Shaffner

Tammy Sloop

Jennifer Wargel

Absent:

Dan Christmus

Heather Cook

Jane Scott

Ryon opened with prayer.

Minutes from June 26<sup>th</sup> were reviewed for the record.

Reports from the following ministry areas:

Tammie Sloop – Specialized Ministries

1. Recap of VBS – Bible School was a super success. Thanks to all the volunteers, teenagers and children who attended.
2. Looking to start “Biscuits and Coffee” once a week after school starts. Tentatively scheduling for Thursday morning.
3. “Blessing of the Backpacks” will be on August 21<sup>st</sup> – that will be the Sunday after school starts on August 17<sup>th</sup>.
4. “Blessing of the Animals” will be in October on a Sunday afternoon during Pumpkin Patch.
5. Her Sunday School class is going to be studying “Help My Church is Leaving Me” beginning in 5 or 6 weeks.

Heather Cook – Outreach & Witness

Provided written report (see Attached)

Nikki Shaffner – Worship

1. Apostle’s Creed is being added to service once a month. Tammy suggested that we use different versions of the creed.
2. August 14<sup>th</sup> service is being handled by Nikki – Tammy will do the Old and New Testament scripture readings.
3. September 4<sup>th</sup> service – Brian Wargel will play something; Walker will also play.

#### Weston Cheatham – Youth Group

1. Youth group is starting back on August 21<sup>st</sup>, right after school starts.
2. Still looking forward to having a permanent Youth Director (his volunteer period has now been a year and a half).

#### Larry Griner – Finance

1. Youth account has been closed - \$26,466.79 has not been placed in church money market account. That is a temporary solution.
2. Operating Account balance is currently less than \$3,000, not counting what came in today. We really need to build that back up.
3. Dan sent a report (see attached)

#### Gil Johnson – Trustees

1. A/C still a problem – the nursery building is still out; the Youth area is out – a compressor will cost \$3,200; work arounds for Sunday School area and kitchen area are being used.
2. Still looking for drains in front of the Education building; so far have been unable to find any there. If none are found, we will need to install them to move water from that area.
3. Blessing Box is being used. He installed two fans powered by solar; they have helped keep the temperature down. Left hand side of each shelf is always in shade.
4. Discussion on Boy Scout troops - Church Conference said we can NOT sponsor troops, but they can use church facilities. Per Gil, we will need to come up with our own “facilities use agreement” stating SAFE Sanctuary, requirements, etc. We can give them the requirements and contact information, they will need to run their own background checks.

Pastor Antoinette – WOW! She has been incredibly busy for the 41 days she has been here. She has met with council members gathering information, reviewed minutes from past council meetings, is sending cards to visitors and followed up with phone calls, made phone calls and sent emails to members who have not attended lately, established a bereavement policy, is working to put together a rotation to ensure that things don't fall through the cracks (illnesses, deaths, etc.), sent cards for July birthdays, working on August cards, reached out to Cardinal Newman and Lutheran Seminary to recruit workers for Pumpkin Patch, posted information about Youth Director on Conference website, talked to Alston Lippert and left message for Bonnie Riley to see if they have any suggestions – or know someone – who would work as Youth Director, met with Pastor at Living Springs about Thanksgiving and MLK services, met with Richland 2 reps and planning to meet with Fire Department – just to name a few things! See attached for much more complete “rundown”.

Ryon closed with prayer.