



**Council Meeting
Monday, December 12, 2022**

Christmas Treats/Social Time

Call to Order: 6:52 pm by Mackenthun

Establish a quorum/present: Pastor Alicia, Pastor Ben, Gieseke, Mackenthun, Nybo, Steinhoff Smith, Newman, Hauck, Schoenecker, Smithson, Walser, and Brenda Moore and Nick Tofteland with *Brenda Moore and Associates*

Devotion by Pastor Ben

Motion to Approve Consent Agenda by Steinhoff Smith, second Walser, motion passed

Architect/Building Updates (Laura Magnuson, Christie Will, Barb Niemeyer)

- Listening sessions took place to determine areas of opportunity and challenges
 - Worship is the driver of our space; we need to be looking at our sanctuary space. Also, how do we better incorporate the band into the sanctuary space?
 - We are lacking a lobby.
 - We need to be looking way into the future. Do we want to grow?
 - With more ideas and opportunities to consider, the Annual Meeting is too soon to ask for a vote; we plan to introduce some potential plans and move the vote to later in the year.
- There will be opportunities for additional listening sessions

Capital Campaign Update (Pat Remfert and Nate Smithson)

- Discussion

Treasurer's Report and Finance Team Update

Financial Health as of November 30, 2022	November 2022 Budget	November 2022 Actual
Revenue	\$43,673	\$45,410
Expenses	\$49,252	\$48,822
Revenue - Expenses	\$-5,579	-\$3,412

Pastor Ben's Report

- Jackie Mackenthun, Sande Schoenecker, and Robyn Smithson are in their last year of council service. Thank you for serving!
- Discussed 2023 council nominations

Pastor Alicia's Report

- Mission Outreach – remaining funds will be allocated evenly to the following four groups (25% to each): Duck Cup Memorial, Southern Valley Alliance, NAMI MN, and River Valley Health Services
- \$1,000 approved for Feed My Starving Children
- Future gifts already approved by Council: \$2083.33 to the Synod in December as well as the 2nd half of our Cristo Obrero commitment: \$2500.
- Clergy Housing Allowance is designated annually. This does not impact overall compensation, but is a requirement for clergy. Pastor Alicia will continue to designate \$0 in 2023 and thereafter unless a change is noted. Pastor Ben will continue to designate \$1812.50/pay period for 2023 and thereafter unless a change is noted.

Constitution

- Council should review constitution and send any questions to Jackie Mackenthun

2023 Budget Discussion

- Goal is to have a balanced budget
- Our expenses are at a minimum; not much room to cut
- Discussed having sponsors for Wednesday meals to reduce hospitality expenses
- **Motion to approve proposed 2023 budget** by Walser, second Newman, motion passed

Closing Prayer: Pastor Ben

Motion to Adjourn: 8:26 pm by Hauck, second Gieseke, motion passed

Upcoming Meetings: January 23, 2023 6:30 pm (Newly Elected Council Group)