



**Council Meeting  
Monday, December 18, 2023**

**Call to Order:** 6:03 pm by Jacobson

**Establish a quorum/present:** Pastor Alicia, Pastor Ben, Dan Jacobson, Sharon Steinhoff Smith, Heather Nybo, Brian Gieseke, Dennis Tietz, Jackie Lee, Michelle Newman, and Chris Hauck

**Devotion** by Pastor Alicia

**Motion to Approve the Agenda** by Steinhoff Smith, second Lee, motion approved

**Motion to Approve November Minutes** by Gieseke, second Newman, motion approved

**President's Report**

- Thank you
- Annual/Pre-meeting, council retreat early February attendance

**Treasurer's Report**

Financial Health as of November 30, 2023	November 2023 Budget	November 2023 Actual
Revenue	\$44,504	\$59,139
Expenses	\$49,670	\$49,060
Revenue – Expenses	-\$5,166	\$10,079

**Pastor Alicia's Report**

- **Motion to commit \$25,000 to Synod Mission Support for 2024** by Nybo, second Gieseke, motion approved
- **Motion to approve the following Mission Outreach recommendations** by Gieseke, second Tietz, motion approved
  - Fixed dollar amount allocations
    - Liz Nelson: The final \$150 Little Food Pantry/Little Household Pantry for December 2023
    - Pastoral/Office Discretionary funds: \$1,015 remained as of the last CSSW report submitted to MO dated through 9/30/2023. If additional funds were issued between 9/30/2023 and today, the amount will be less than \$1,015.
    - Snow Removal for Peace Garden: \$1,000
  - Percentage of remaining tithe at 2023 year end, which are all organizations that they have supported in the past.
    - ELCA Disaster Relief Fund: 30%
    - National Alliance on Mental Illness - Minnesota: 25%
    - River Valley Health Services: 25%

- Duck Cup: 10%
- Southern Valley Alliance: 10%

### **Pastor Ben's Report**

- Kate Kienow has been hired to fill the role as Directory of Children Family and Youth.

### **Revised NEXT Proposal**

- Teams in attendance: Capital campaign leadership, lead gifts, and NEXT facilities teams
- Laura Magnuson walked through progression of NEXT facilities project
- Given the capital campaign goal was not met, we have a revised scope option to consider, which is more aligned with the original project goals, and checks more boxes.
  - o Sanctuary
    - Rotate orientation, expand seating, raise ceiling, relocate nursery
  - o CYF Space
    - Refresh rooms and open up current game room
  - o Kitchen (current space)
    - Remove serving window, replace oven, add ice maker, create prep space
  - o Kitchen (new serving area)
    - Relocate office/storage and convert to serving area
  - o Grand entrance/lobby expansion will not be part of this scope but will be considered as a future project
  - o Revised cost: \$2.14M

### **Budget draft discussion**

- Review of proposed 2024 budget
- **Motion to approve proposed 2024 budget** by Hauck, second Tietz, motion approved

**Council Appreciation:** Thank you outgoing council members, Chris Hauck, Michelle Newman, and Mark Walser!

**Closing Prayer:** Lord's Prayer

**Adjournment of Meeting:** 7:55 pm

**Next Meeting:** Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.