

Church council minutes June 13, 2023

In Attendance: Catherine Carlson, Craig Bolt, Alicia Dun, Christy Reinking, Doug Muschett, Kevin Clarke, Lydia Ziauddin, Pastor Kate, Ruth Hendricks, Amie Branson, Ben Little
Excused: Jay Meservy

The meeting opened at 5:38 pm with Kevin leading a devotion on faith and deeds, reflecting on James 2:18.

April council minutes were approved.

Pastor's Report: Pastor is exploring an optimal time for an evening Bible/theological study for congregation members and seeking input through a google form. The church will begin hosting a monthly evening prayer service – starting on July 12 at 7 pm; subsequent services will take place on the first Wednesday of the month. There will be a new members session in the near future; Pastor suggests we improve our process to track visitors for effective follow-up and entry into the church data management system.

Committees:

Worship and Music: The council appreciates the thoughtful variation brought in by Caroline and the worship committee (ie music and the Lord's Prayer).

Finance: This committee will meet tomorrow. We have a \$25K deficit in the budget; the council encourages congregation members toward generous, sacrificial giving.

Adult ed: LOTM had strong attendance for recent educational events including Doug's environmental talk on April 23 and Karen Johnson's talk on Self-Soul-Spirit on June 11.

Capital campaign: The Fellowship Hall windows are installed.

Personnel: The personnel committee will meet in coming weeks with Pastor Kate for an annual review and with Caroline for a 3-month review.

Other matters: Facilities committee (Amy, Norm, Joe, Kevin, Jim J, and Bill K) is in need of a chairperson. Church clean-up day will take place Sat, July 8. Council will make phone visits for every congregation member as a summer project – more info to come next month. We plan to have CPR/AED training (by Starting Hearts) coming soon though not on a Sunday due to Starting Hearts' schedule. In the Fellowship Hall, we have Narcan and Trauma kits available.

The next council meeting will take place on July 11. Ben will lead devotions.

The meeting closed with a reading of Ecclesiastes 6:9 - a reminder to "be content with what you have". Meeting ended at 6:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lydia Ziauddin