

Minutes from LOTM Church Council: February 13, 2024

Attendees: Craig Bolt, Ruth Hendricks, Amie Branson, Lydia Ziauddin, Cindy Massaro, Pastor Kate Davidson, Kevin Clarke, Ben Little, Alicia Dunn, Catheryn Carlson, Doug Muschett; *excused:* Jay Meservy

Meeting opened at 6:11 pm with Ben reading from *The Prophet* by Khalil Gibran on "Giving from Our Selves".

January minutes were approved.

Council officers include Craig Bolt as President, Alicia Dunn as Vice President, Catheryn Carlson as Treasurer. Secretary position is open.

Pastor's Report: Jamie from LWR will visit LOTM on March 17 to preach and lead Table-Talk. Ash Wednesday service will take place tomorrow (2/14) at 7 pm. Lent Midweek Soup Supper and Evening Prayer will continue after that each Wed at 6 pm and 7 pm respectively.

Personnel: committee proposes a 10% raise for the position of music minister; new salary would be \$33K.

Worship and Music: Rev. Darlene is helping the committee while Julie is away.

Finance: Mike sold his book-keeping business to Austin. We received a positive and generous response from the congregation when we asked for an additional 15K pledge for this year; mid-high 20K was offered.

Global Fair-Traded goods will be available for sale starting two weeks before Thanksgiving.

Education: On March 10, we will have a speaker address the war in Gaza from a Middle East perspective. On April 28, we will celebrate Earth Day with environmentalist speaker Hunter Lovins. Theme will be on seeking a sustainable society.

50th Anniversary: Celebration will take place July 7 with Bishop Gonia and again July 13-14 with alumni reunion. Planning committee includes Karen Johns, Ferol Menzel, and Julie Cope.

Ongoing tasks and issues for council to address include using a new offering plate card to document visitors, review building use policy, address feedback from every member phone call, fix toilet in women's bathroom.

Meeting closed in prayer.

Our next meeting will take place on March 12. Ruth will offer the opening and closing reflection.

Respectfully submitted,

Lydia Ziauddin