

August 14, 2024 Council meeting

In attendance – Pastor Jeremy Serrano, Susan Metzger, Renee Reis, Scott Etzel, Julie Kim, Sue Hertless, Greg Buchholz, Mike Henry

Not in attendance – Tracey Rentner, Anessa Hileman

Called meeting to order at – 7pm

Opening prayer by Pastor Jeremy

Recognitions:

*Thanks to everyone for changing the meeting night to tonight instead of Tuesday.

*Renee thanked both Pastors Jeremy and Josh Serrano for all of their help on the Youth Gathering trip.

Correspondences - -N/a

Prev. meeting minutes – Campus safety/security incidents data on Council shared Google Drive

Motion made to accept meeting minutes for July, motion seconded. Motion passed.

Time for Religious Fundraising – Pastor Jeremy presentation on giving – Why People Give.

Continue working on topic next meeting, work on creating a worksheet. Telling the story so we can raise funds, and how to evangelize.

Finance – about 18k below (in red) for the year. Took 30k out a few months ago, taking another 40k out soon for other expenses.

St. John's Sharing a pastor – Renee and Pastor Jeremy met with St. John's council regarding potential partnership with sharing a pastor. Pastor Jeremy shared a breakdown of the topics covered in the meeting.

Motion made to vote on continuing to pursuing a discussion on sharing a pastor with St. John – Motion seconded, discussion held. Motion passed 7 to 1 (Pastor's notes are located below)

Church Forum – town hall to talk about this possible union, answer questions, and a second meeting to hold a vote.

Redwood tree report via Susan – Tyce Dekker from City of Concord. Trees were fine, falling stuff normal. Recommends a drip line 2 inches deep to help get sufficient water in the right area for trees' health. Watering should be 4 hours 2-3x a week, with a slow run so water can soak in. A second arborist will be coming on Friday.

Termite inspection on Parsonage – Orkin quoted \$3174 to tent and fumigate – Contra Costa Termite \$1790. An option for corrective work, \$690 secondary work – treat certain effected areas with 1 year warranty. Discussion to tent with Contra Costa Termite.

Preschool vote to approve amended lease motion made, and was seconded, and discussion. Motion approved 8-0.

Reaching out to the Crowd/Community/Congregation via Scott – Working to get back into reaching out and leading our community to Christ. How churches die, why churches die and how to stop it. Read “I Refuse to Lead a Dying Church.” Council will begin reading this book once we receive them, and discuss chapter topics at each council meeting.

Food Truck via Sue – During the parking lot sale, we had a food truck which was very popular. There was interest from the Food Truck owner to bring in food trucks to the lower parking lot. The agreement would be that each food truck would pay \$60 dollars per month and a percentage of sales. We have a great location and parking. Potentially on Tuesday evenings 5-7ish. They would be interested in a September start time. Possible every week. Motion made to pursue more information about this topic, motion seconded, no discussion, motion passed 8-0.

Unhoused person on church campus policy via Scott – Discussion on what has been happening on campus, what is considered loitering, not just sitting on a bench, but more living and leaving human feces and possible drug paraphilia on the church property. Discussion on creating a policy for prohibiting loitering. Ideas of creating a policy, signage, will be worked on by Scott and Mike.

Yearly Performance Review – October time for review, and how should we be evaluating all parties. Should we do the same process or change it up? What would be beneficial to all parties for positive growth.

Action Item Review –

DVLC Copier use – proposal to pay \$30 per month for use. Checking with St. Matthew to see how they charge for copier use. Follow up for September.

CODs not closing properly – please check to make sure things are locked before leaving at the end of Fellowship.

Motion to adjourn, seconded. Motion passed.

Closed with Lord’s Prayer

Adjourned at 10:10pm

Submitted by Renee Reis

Summary of Meeting on Wednesday Meeting August 14, 2024 - 2pm.

Good Shepherd Attendees: Rev. Jeremy Serrano, Renee Reis

St. John Attendees: Pete Norlandar, Mel Teigen, Sharon Hayes.

Worship Times: St. John has several congregations who rent their church in the afternoon and will poll their congregation on moving the service to times between 8:00am-9:00am. Rev. highly encouraged them to go for 8:00am or 8:30am. We discussed Lent, Christmas Eve, and Easter and both congregations were very flexible in these times.

Meetings: The pastor would be expected at Congregational Council meeting once a month and the annual meeting. St. John is willing to change the day of their council meeting.

Time Allocation: St. John's is looking for 50% time. Monday, Tuesday at Good Shepherd. Thursday, Friday at St. John. This is with the understanding that I will be accessible to both congregations full time.

Cost: St. Johns would pay 50% Total Defined Compensation (\$51,489), 50% Portico benefits (\$7,850), 50% Social Security Offset (\$2,500) and 50% Home Equity (\$2,500). Each Congregation would maintain their own reimbursable expense accounts for mileage, books, continuing education, and professional expenses.

Term of Contract: 1 Year to begin with.

Timeline: St. Johns is hoping to have the pastor begin in the beginning of October.

Music: There was some talk about swapping musicians once a month.