

# Council Meeting Highlights

Here are highlights from our October Council Meeting, which was held on Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>.

## Senior Pastor:

- For the Christmas Village we have 6-7 Scripture banners sponsored, live animals in the living nativity scene, but we still need some help with minor wood-working
- Reformation Sunday we will host the Circuit Reformation Service at 4:00 p.m. with President Forke as guest preacher. German meal to follow.

Deaconess: At the Mexico Mission the doughnut-making is a successful income-producing enterprise, but progress on the farm is slow

## Treasurer:

- At the end of August the General Fund balance was \$45,151.22 and the Special Account Fund balance was \$28,130.09
- Contributions YTD were \$100,732.96; \$14,762.18 less than budgeted \$115,495.14

## Old Business:

- House of Grace ... architects are moving forward
- Need a Vice President ... can be female

## New Business:

- District Convention will be June 13-16, 2022, in Billings
- Constitution Committee and any other members assigned by Council will draft a Policy & Procedures Manual for the Church Council and also a guide for use by the various boards
- Need Long-Term Planning Committee Chair

## Lay Ministry:

- Covid protocols of 15-18 people spaced in groups at Communion will be in bulletin
- Updating Usher/Elder schedule
- Upcoming Worship Services:
  - Thanksgiving Eve, November 24<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m.
  - Advent Services on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>—no soups suppers planed at this time
  - Christmas Eve at 3:00 & 5:30 p.m.
  - Christmas Day at 10:00 a.m.
  - Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m.

**School Board:**

- We have 21 students in K-8, 8 in Preschool & 10 in Pre-K
- Garage Sale raised \$1,214.14
- Linda Firebaugh is a new member of the Board

**Stewardship Board:** Event Sundays were successful, will continue to have sign-ups for those who couldn't attend gifts/service event and stories of serving by members will continue

**Evangelism Board:**

- Parents' Night Out in October was successful with 7 children—next one will be December 3<sup>rd</sup>
- October – December Potluck For 8 scheduled

**Community Outreach Board:** Regular duties with directory, sign & video

**Youth Board:**

- "Easter Breakfast" served 104 and raised \$400
- Activities coming up: November 5<sup>th</sup> is a Bonfire, November 13<sup>th</sup> is the Craft Fair and November 28<sup>th</sup> Church Christmas decorating
- Will help with the Christmas Village
- Will be selling Christmas cards and calendars
- 7 youth are planning to attend NYG in July 2022, waiting to hear from 5 others

**Fellowship Board:** November 7<sup>th</sup> is Veterans Dinner & November 14<sup>th</sup> is Thanksgiving Meal.

**Parish Education Board:**

- First University Class on Elder Financial Abuse scheduled for November 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Sunday School Christmas Program to be part of a worship service in December
- Duplicate books in library will be shared with children of the congregation
- Approved purchasing a Bible study for our new young adult group

**Next Meeting:** Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 p.m.

