



Congregational Council Meeting Minutes  
February 18, 2018 at 11:30 am

**Present:** Jon Evans, Pastor Anthony Chatman, Betty Dove, Mindy Williams, Bernie Brown, Valerie Oden, Kathy Burns, Allison Brown, Christy Hall, Sheela Beteet.

**Absent:** David Vroom

**Opening Prayer:** Pastor Anthony Chatman provided the opening prayer.

**Confirmation of Quorum:** Quorum was declared. The meeting commenced at 11:50am

**President's Report:**

President called for a motion to fill secretary's position and a motion was made by Bernie Brown and seconded by Valerie Oden to have Sheela Beteet serve as Council Secretary. The motion passed unanimously.

- i) President reminded council members about finishing the job description document, which was initiated last year. He would like to see this finalized in the near future.
- ii) President spoke to Pastor Chatman and David Vroom about looking out for leadership candidates for a variety of ministry needs as we have numerous Council positions to fill in the coming months.
- iii) He acknowledged that 7.0 Fitness wanted their payment of rent to be regarded as a donation. The Finance Team, Pastor and he agree that payment should be regarded as rent.
- iv) The President advised Betty Dove to contact Pat Gibbons or Craig Jenkins when she brought up the issue of climate control during 7.0 Fitness sessions. It was also suggested that Allison Brown periodically let the congregation know to address concerns with climate control at church.
- v) Pastor Chatman and the President will meet the Pastor and representatives of Nueva Vision today to discuss concerns and future expectations from them.

### **Pastor's Report:**

Pastor said at the moment he is getting a feel of where each team is going and understanding their needs and areas of concern. However, Pastor emphasized his main focus is worship service, prayer station and communion kits.

### **Mission Focus Team:**

- i) Betty reported that postcard announcements of Pastor Chatman with times of service and events leading to Easter have been distributed to surrounding areas.
- ii) The church has received some responses to church services from the distribution of postcards.
- iii) Citizenship workshop was a great success, volunteers completed about 50 applicants.
- iv) Betty also pointed out that there are about 25 outreach programs at the moment. And while they have been able to fulfill commitments, she feels they should be focusing on evangelism to bring in new members and new ideas. Allison suggested teaching/sharing responsibilities new volunteers, so volunteers feel needed. Jon asked Pastor his views on the matter, Pastor responded if we bring kids into church, the parents will follow.

### **Spiritual Life Team:**

- i) Christy Hall reported 3 families have offered to service the prayer station, including Ken and Sue Loudermilk, Ron and Heda Christ and Carol Cantello. Pastor responded other people have approached him on that matter too.
- ii) Christy also brought to light the music/songs at service are somewhat dated and wondered whether a change in tempo would be considered. Pastor responded that he will meet with Music Director and Sister Ann Marie to discuss the matter.
- iii) Christy also said she had no one lined up to coordinate March 7th Lenten supper. It was suggested that she speak with David Vroom, Sue Loudermilk or Monica. Jon offered to contact these individuals and serve as well.

### **Discipleship Team:**

Mindy reported the following activities:

- i) Movie night at her place for teens on Saturdays from 5pm to 8pm
- ii) Easter Egg Hunt on the 31st March at 10am and on April 1st pancake breakfast at 8:30 am.
- iii) VBS is on July 16th to 19th.

### **Lay Leadership Team:**

In his absence, Jon Evans reported for David Vroom noting that the job descriptions document still needs to be finalized. Nancy Agafitei is working on a revised Time & Talent Survey.

### **Care Team:**

- i) Bernie Brown reported that Care Team coming along well. Beth Chaney is doing a great job working on “Spring Fling” which is on 7th April.
- ii) Bernie said contacting administrative staff at Ella Spring is a challenge and it was suggested that Susan Greer be consulted on this matter.
- iii) Bernie attended a recent meeting at NAM which was highly enlightening.
- iv) Bernie also said she is helping Pat Gibbons with individuals that require assistance that come through the main office.

### **Staff Support Team:**

Valerie Oden said they were helping Pastor Chatman and Pat Gibbons settle in.

### **Finance Team:**

Kathy Burns emphasized the urgent need to find a Financial Secretary. She also shared that they were actively working on completing job description with their team.

### **Stewardship Team:**

- i) Allison Brown reported that we have received an offer from T-Mobile to place a tower on our premises which would yield \$2,500.00 of revenue. Bob Dejmaj is working to obtain more information.
- ii) Alison expressed the need for some guidance in addressing inquiries from members about why certain building issues have yet to be addressed, such as prioritizing A/C or heating problems. Jon suggested that she make regular reminders about the R&R and CPR Funds. It was agreed that Allison would go before the congregation about 3 times a year and give them an update.

### **Approval of Reports:**

The President approved all reports.

## **Financial Review**

- i) Kathy reported that the December giving was generous and resulted in a balance of \$42,806. Kathy emphasized December contributions are unpredictable, as such contributions have to increase or expenses decrease. The current general fund balance is \$45,876. There was an increase of \$3,070. Kathy also reported the attendance is hovering at an average of 100.
- ii) Kathy reminded the council that the budget of 2018 is projected at \$35,786. The CPR fund balance is \$14,799.59 and the R&R fund balance is \$8,910.62.

## **New Business**

The position for President, Finance, Lay Leadership and Mission Focus Team are up for re-election this year.

The Lay Leadership and the Finance positions are able to renew their terms for a second two-year period.

Jon asked all Council members to give thought as to who might serve in these capacities and then provide any recommendations to himself, David Vroom and Pastor Chatman via email.

The president called for motion for the meeting to be adjourned. Christy Hall made a motion and Mindy Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 1:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted by  
Sheela Beteet  
Council Secretary.