May 19 6:30 PM | Minutes Council Meeting

Attendees: Beth Feit, Kevin Nicklas, Brian Goke, Brad Morris, Helen Haggarty, Tera Miatke, Brian Otto (via Zoom)

- Brad opened in prayer 7:32
- Accepted Consent Agenda Items with the exception of Finances.
    - **Decisions**:
        - Helen proposed to move the Finance report out of the Consent Agenda items and council agreed.
        - Worship calendar to go in Drive for Council awareness
- Financial/Budget Report (See “FLC May 2026 Financial Report”)
    - Approved financial report
        - Discussion items:
            - May giving is down compared to other months
            - YTD pledged offerings are up
            - Building Fund giving exceeds pledged amount for the year
            - Established process to handle special giving e.g. memorials
            - Expenses for the building are over budget and there are some items we either didn’t plan for or are higher than expected
        - Decision: Helen will provide a “financial update” presentation/Q&A to the congregation after the 7/19 Sunday Service
- Signage Discussion
    - Brad distributed signage reference material with options and pricing.
    - Generally discussed options including wall mounted raised; wall mounted flat; post & panel in lawn; flat panel and brick on lawn.
        - Agreed that sign near road at some point is desired but needs further research on requirements relating to hiring labor versus church labor as well as more details on cost.
            - **Decision** to table this for now but continue discussions by fall. The estimate on the panel is $829.67.
        - Agreed that raised letter sign on the east wall (south side) would be preferred over other options. This would be in the near future and in addition to eventual signage on the corner lawn.
        - **Decision** that Brad would get firm pricing and we would discuss at the next meeting. (Brad sent estimate in a 5/26/26 email. Cost $4179.67).
- Financial Accounting
    - Discussed highlights of giving.
    - Income statement is at a deficit around $10k and will likely be at a deficit for 2026.
    - Helen will re-evaluate in late June so we can see what expenses will be projected through the end of the year.

    - Upcoming expenses will be Parking Lot improvements expenses that will show in June; $18k tax bill; $8500 remaining from Fellowship Hall gift; possible outstanding electrician charges.
    - Phase 3 has a $40k deficit assuming the budgeted $20k for signage plus the outstanding $8500 for Fellowship Hall.
    - Discussed donations for specified projects. Decision: Designated gifts will be brought to Council for discussion and accounting. Counters will bring special designated donations to Council before making a deposit.
    - New Credit Cards and Receipts
    - Computer Virus Protection Software for David
        - David is asking for additional software protection on personal computer since there is church data on it. The cost was under $100. **Decision**: approved but run this by the IT team for input.
- Facilities Task Force
    - Closing down the project of Phase 1, 2, and 3 and moving to normal accounting of building expenses
    - At the June 7 Sunday Service, Brad will address this with the congregation
    - In August, we will have a building dedication separate from worship time
- Church Tasks Teams creation status check
    - Helen sent Task Team documents to Google drive for review
        - Need to create Roles and Responsibility documents for additional teams such as Worship, Financial, Children/Youth
    - **Decision**: Council to individually review the Roles and Responsibilities documents
- Building Usage Contract
    - Council reviewed the Use of Building document
    - **Decision**: our general philosophy is to not do “fundraisers”; use of building needs to align with Faith's Mission and Vision; rent cannot be charged; there is a need to create a building use policy.
- Next Meeting – 6/16/2026 @ 6:30pm
- Closing Prayer 9:02