

ACTIONS AND HIGHLIGHTS
COUNCIL MEETING
March 17, 2016, 6:30p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Pr. Aanonson, Don Ager, Mike Allenbaugh, Ramona Allenbaugh, Brenda Erber
JoAnne Fisher, Karen Hessel, Connor Lawhead, Shirlee Staley

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Jim Edgmond

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE CHAIR:

Vacant

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE:

Jeanette Billingsley has resigned from Congregational Life Ministry Board as well as their representative on Council. Don Ager will be attending their next meeting to ask if any member would be willing to become Council Representative.

NEW COUNCIL MEETING DATE:

The members were reminded that the next Council meeting will be April 28th. Council voted in February to change the date to the 4th Thursday of every month.

RESIGNATION OF DIRECTOR OF LITERACY:

Judy Lokenvitz has resigned her position as Director of the Literacy Program in order to spend more time with family and friends who are out of town and out of state. Her last day will be April 30th. The Social Ministry members are in the process of recruiting a replacement.

RESIGNATION OF MUSIC DIRECTOR:

Bob Romza has resigned his position as Director of Music effective March 31st. He will be pursuing other opportunities at St.Mary/Mathias. The Executive Committee, Pr. Aanonson, and members of the Worship & Music Board will be interviewing an applicant on Wednesday, March 23rd.

BASEMENT STEPS:

On March 1, MPW reported that the basement steps leading up to the water meters were VERY unstable and loose. They were evaluated on 3/16 and deemed unsafe and should not be used. Therefore, the Council voted to authorize Archer Deck & Fence to repair or replace the wooden steps in the boiler room for approximately \$300.

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE:

The Call Committee has received another potential candidate for our full-time pastor. The candidate will be a graduate of Wartburg Seminary and available in early July. He will be interviewed by them on April 2nd.

REDISTRIBUTION OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES:

The Council approved the Executive Committee's recommendation to create a new position of Financial Secretary. Mike Allenbaugh, the present Treasurer, will assume those responsibilities, since he is doing so in his present position as Treasurer. The Nominating Committee will be searching for someone to fulfill the duties of the Treasurer's position. If you are still confused, contact Mike or Don Ager for clarification.

HAPPY TIME PRESCHOOL OF MUSCATINE:

Council approved Happy Time's request for reimbursement of \$1,520 in return for a signed General Liability Release.

VGA (VIDEO GRAHIC ADAPTER) PRESENTATION SOFTWARE:

Council approved the \$400 purchase for a newer version of the VGA software. This new software would allow at-home volunteers create the slides for the worship services and download to the church's computers for presentation. If you are interested in being one of those volunteers, contact Mike Allenbaugh.

PARKING LOT:

The status of fixing the parking lot will be fully re-examined as a summer project

NURSERY:

Parents with small children attending worship will be surveyed by Brenda Erber as to their need for a nursery.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

Christian Education is looking for some to serve with Katie Green as Co-Chair of the Vacation Bible School in July. Contact Brenda Erber if you are interested.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:35 p.m. (One hour and 5 minutes)

Respectfully submitted,

JoAnne Fisher, Council Secretary