

ACTIONS AND HIGHLIGHTS
COUNCIL MEETING
August 24, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT: Don Ager, Ramona Allenbaugh, Jim Edmond, Brenda Erber, JoAnne Fisher, Katie Green, Cindy Hermann and Sam Paul

MEMBER EXCUSED: Pr. Baldwin

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD:

The Confirmation/Affirmation of Baptism program has been renamed to FINK or Faith Inkubators. The program will expand past the old way of learning and teaching. Rally Day's theme of Renewed by Christ, Transformed by Love, will be September 3rd with games, activities, cross-generational study, and a meal after worship.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE:

CLB members will be providing the meal for Rally Day on Sept 3rd.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:

Fifty-two voting members attended the meeting on Sunday, August 20th. The flag and flagpole proposal was approved 43 – 7 in favor. The new mission statement and logo proposal of *Sharing the Love, Spreading the Word, and Serving the Children of God* was also adopted.

FUNDRAISING BOARD:

There are approximately 45 cookbooks left which can be purchased Sunday mornings or during normal office hours Monday-Thursday.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY:

The directories have arrived and are available for pickup of one to a family.

PROPERTY BOARD:

Grace received a \$32,000 “down payment” check for repair of the sloped roof with additional funds available upon request after completion. G&S Roofing, who repaired the flat roof, will be consulted to determine a time for repair. However, it may not be until spring since the roofers in Muscatine are quite busy and the fact that our roof is not leaking at the present time. Repair to the sloped roof was scheduled for 2019 in the 4-year Capital Improvement plans.

The Property Board recommended four locations for placement of the flag/flagpole. After discussion of the different locations, Council approved placing the flag/flagpole in the alcove area on the west side of the entry drive where there is access to electricity to power the light. Council also approved a \$1,063 quote from Service Master of Muscatine for scrubbing and sealing the floor in the Social Hall. Date and time is yet to be determined.

PROJECTOR/VGA UPDATE:

A quote from Reference AVS in Davenport indicated the cost for two 70-inch TV monitors with labor, wiring, etc., would be \$9,138 and two 75-inch monitors with labor, wiring, etc., would be \$10,538. A Congregational meeting to present the proposal for a vote will be held soon. Disposition of the current projector screen was also discussed. The screen is in good condition and the suggestions were to list it for sale on Ebay or in the newspaper in order to recoup some of the cost for the upgrade.

SOCIAL MINISTRY:

God's Work Our Hands will be Sunday, September 10th. Volunteers are needed for a 1-hour shift to collect donations for the Muscatine Food Pantry. This is a combined community service project with Zion Lutheran Church, Shepherd of the Cross, and New Era Lutheran Church.

WEBSITE:

It was the consensus of the Council members to advertise in the paper and on line for an independent contractor to maintain Grace's web page.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC:

Two worship services will return on September 10th. Plans are being made for a Bach cantata on October 28th written specifically for celebrating the Reformation. Possible musical groups include the Muscatine Symphony and the Muscatine High School Music Department. There will be one service on Reformation Sunday, October 29th.

Respectfully submitted,
JoAnne Fisher, Council Secretary

Meeting adjourned: 7:45 p.m.
Length of Meeting: One hour and fifteen minutes