

St. John's Council Meeting May 8, 2018

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The meeting was opened by President Steve Miller at 6:00 p.m. and prayer by Pastor Charles. There were 9 members present.

Minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Accepted.

Charity Reserve Committee: The committee has received an application for a Grant from Brenham Senior Center. May 31 is the cut-off date to receive applications this year.

Cemetery Committee/Care Reports: The cemetery grounds are in good shape and were well done for Easter Sunrise Service.

Memorial Fund Report: Funds were expended for the Communion Table purchased in memory of Greg Felder. The Pew Bibles and Communion Table will be dedicated on May 27.

Maintenance Reports:

Parsonage: Condensation is starting to build up again and is dripping in the attic. An air conditioning company will be called to check out the problem.

Church and Family Life Center: Directional signs for the Church have been received. The goal is to have them installed by May 20, 2018. The ice machine has been cleaned out. Quarterly maintenance was approved for the ice machine to prevent future high repair costs. The coils on all of the air conditioning units need to be checked and cleaned. A wax candle is being used instead of oil in the Christ Candle; therefore, Council members need to take it to the Church Office along with the other candles during hot summer months.

Christian Education Team Report: The annual Bike-A-Thon was held on May 5. Working on the program for VBS.

Liaison/Worship Committee Report: Attendance was low for Family Fun Day, however, those present had a good time. They are evaluating different options for future Family Day events.

Spiritual Time: Pastor Charles read scripture from 1 Corinthians 12:4-7 regarding gifts given to each of us by the Spirit for the common good. There are some part-time churches that are flourishing because of congregational involvement. St. John's is doing an outstanding job in encouraging congregational involvement to keep its ministry vital - don't lose it.

Pastor's Report: Reminder that the Council is hosting a reception for the confirmands and their parents in the parlor on May 20. Lauren Hodde is designing our quarter-page ad for the Burton High School Yearbook. So far we have 5 units who have signed up and made donations through our Tithely online program. South Central Conference Annual Meeting will be held at Camp Allen on June 1-2.

Associate Pastor's Report: Not available.

Old Business:

St. John's Signs: Signs look good.

125th Anniversary: Nothing new to report.

Cemetery Fence: Approved having *GBI Surveyors* complete a survey of the cemetery at a cost of \$4,000.00. So far, the stipulations outlined in our original 2017 letter to Mr. Dietrich have not been met.

Membership Audit Committee: They have narrowed our membership list to approximately 350 members.

Holes in Stained Glass in Sanctuary: Working on proposal for repairs.

New Business:

Delegate to Annual SCC Meeting: Approved a motion to send only one delegate to the meeting.

Free Legal Services: Madeline Johnson will research the proposal from Sheldon Mitchell-Benham Memorial Chapel.

Salary Package for New Pastor: The Search Committee requested a salary package to be offered to applicants. It was approved to use a range of \$45,000-\$65,000 *commiserate with experience,* plus benefits.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.

Pending Business before the Council:

- Job description for Building Manager.
- Set a workday to complete maintenance issues raised by Mickie Angerame at April 10, 2018, meeting.
- Review and approve changes to the Constitution and By-laws.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerry Guelker, Council Secretary