

Sherwood Community Friends Church Business Meeting Minutes
January 28, 2018

Opening Prayer

- Christine Brandt opened the meeting with Scripture and prayer.

**Minutes
from
October 8,
2017**

- Minutes from previous meeting were approved without objection.

Committee Reports

- **Christine Brandt** asked that members read all committee reports. Then time was given for questions or comments.
- **Marcia Astleford, Christian Education** – Highlights
 - Thanked Karen Burkholder for her work with the kids on the Christmas Program.
 - We are not offering spots at Tilikum Day Camp this year due to a decline in member children interest and little interest in the community. Encouraging community to register directly with Tilikum.
 - We are hosting Quizzing on March 3 and need 4-5 host homes for Idaho kids. There will be approximately 10 people including adults. You would provide breakfast on Saturday and Sunday. They can sleep on the couch or floor – they aren't picky. We also need help at the church on Quizzing day - hosting and setting up and help with registration.
 - Camp Fundraiser and Silent Auction will be April 22.
 - Christine Brandt commented on her experience with hosting and encouraged others to host.
- **Christy Crisman, Mission & Outreach** – Highlights
 - Faith Promise project for 2017 – looking forward to having Greg from Genesis Diez next Sunday.
 - Keep Rest Stop Ministry and Willowbrook Food Pantry in your prayers
 - Encouraged volunteers for the Committee
- **Dwayne Astleford, Spiritual Life** – Highlights
 - Main highlights – Thanksgiving Brunch, potluck business meeting, and all kinds of fun stuff we've been doing. Most things are going well.
 - Appreciate we've had lots of help with the social committee.
- **Don Powers, Board of Elders** – Highlights
 - Still looking for individuals to fill spots on the Elders – church is an organism and we are the organs. In order for the organism to work well we need to work together. Encouraged people to ask God if he wanted them to be involved. Talk to nominating committee.
 - Elders have decided to reactivate the Administrative Council made up of Elders, Meeting Clerk, Pastors and Clerks of all Committees. This will help all the various groups and committees function better. Help identify key issues for Elders agenda and allow communication between committees.
 - Internship Program – Rich will explain.
- **Question: Do you have any names for potential elders?**
 - Don responded - Need to talk to Dave (Schlarbaum) about that. Not appropriate for Elders to choose themselves. The Nominating Committee does a great job of that, so Dave can talk to you about that.

Staff Reports

- Rob Whittaker, **Worship Arts** – Highlights
 - Rich's mic broke in November – tried replacing it as cost effectively as possible. First try was a swing and a miss. Took it back and got it replaced – it is working better.
 - We are trying to effectively manage our sound equipment, so it will enhance what we do in worship. Some of that is volume control, so for instance, we want to buy a new drum shield that better covers our drum set. Trying to do things to keep the quality of the sound good and manageable.
 - Had experienced sound technician (Mike Shaw) go over our equipment to get our sub working.
 - Good to have Daria back on the worship team.
 - Having another activity end of February – beginning of March to continue to connect as a Worship Team.
- Daniel Licon, **Youth Pastor** – Highlights
 - Thanked the church for their support.
 - Has been enjoying the past few months of spending time with the Youth – at sports/games or around the events of the church. We've developed good conversations that are meaningful for him.
 - Trying to forge a number of areas of contact ministry. Youth today have access 24 hours to entertainment - must be creative to really provide them with what their souls need, what their whole person needs is what we're trying to address. We are trying to provide a place for them where they can encounter the living Christ.
 - Invitation to connect with members over dinner.
- Rich Miller, **Pastor** – Highlights
 - Thanked the Pastor Support/Preaching Team – they support and encourage him.
 - Reported on the NWYM Visioning Meeting held at Sherwood on 1/27
 - The transition over the last several months has been a long painful process – a lot of people have left NWYM and it was evident yesterday of the loss of young people (under 30). Even so there was a Spirit of Hope in the meeting
 - Working with Jamie Johnson at George Fox to develop an internship program. Hope to have 1-2 interns this Fall. There is no budget for this. Please pray for this.
 - We need to reenergize and invest in our young people.
 - We are missing people who are dealing with illness. A possible theme for the year is “recovery”.
 - Encouraged us to acknowledge the reality we are facing and then have hope and place our trust in Jesus.
 - Thanked all for support of the church.
- Cary Kutter, **Stewardship**, went over the current budget.
 - Need more members on the committee.
 - Thanks to Molly for years of service.
 - All committees were under budget. Read through the list in his report of the new budget for 2018. Increased the budget a little.
 - Shouldn't limit God – we should step out and meet the budget.
 - 2018 budget is \$12,376 deficit budget.
 - We have not spent anything from the charter school reserve.
 - Rich commented: Last year we also had a deficit budget, this year the deficit is half the amount.
 - Brett McKee commented: Re: the country's economy and that we should trust God and

- challenged the church to step out in faith.
- Christine commented: We need to approve the budget, encouraged us to trust God. Also, we have not touched the Charter School reserve of \$150,509.
- **Tim Brandt, Trustees.**
 - Parking lot is deteriorating. He has received 4 bids of approximately \$50,000 to \$80,000 to repave the upper parking lot and seal coat the lower parking lot. We will ask the school to cover half. No guarantee we will get that.
 - Goal is to pay off loan balance of \$30,000 with charter school reserve + parking lot 80,000 is \$110,000. The school is paying rent of about \$7,000/month; so with \$80,000 from charter school in payments for last year, by the Summer we should have \$42,000 added to that. Our goal is always to have money left in the reserve. Even if we get nothing from the school for the parking lot, we can still do the parking lot and pay off the loan and we are still adding to the reserve monthly.
 - We do not use the school to pay any operating expenses. So, if the school ever leaves we can still pay our bills.
 - Cary: Last year we had some extra costs and transferred some out of the designated reserves to go against some of the expenses. Last year the budget was \$179,000 and this year its \$181,000, very similar to what we did last year.
 - Comments
 - Question about companies for paving the parking lot. Tim gave a description of several of them. Need to decide so we can get it done in the Summer.
 - Question: When will we pay the \$30,000 loan balance off? We plan to pay it off now.
 - David Crisman asked if we had other projects coming up for 2018.
 - Carpet needs replacing in the next 5 years.
 - No other major expenditures and nothing this year.
- Christine asked for approval of:
 - Pay off loan
 - Approve Parking Lot expense/project
 - Approve deficit budget of \$12,376

- **All Approved**

Comments

- Request for an update of the status of NW Yearly Meeting. Rich Miller reported the following:
 - Losing 1/3 of membership representing 40% of Yearly Meeting income.
 - The Task Force is meeting today and will communicate next steps.
 - Search for a new Superintendent is ongoing.
 - Elizabeth Licon has taken on the position of Youth Ministry Oversight at NWYM as well as Office Manager.
- Brett McKee commented we should be aware how we treat our youth – make them feel welcome so they will stay and become part of the church.

Closing Prayer

- Elizabeth Licon closed in prayer.

Minutes submitted by: Wendy
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