

COUNCIL MINUTES FROM MEETING ON APRIL 9, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: Tuesday, April 9th, 2019 @ 7:30. The meeting was called to order by Council President, Tony Mandik.

ATTENDEES: Pastor Paul Townsend, Tony Mandik, Steve Moore, Elaine Weinstein, Brian Mickiewicz, Ron Hoinowski, Shawn Rogers, Penny Fatula, Mindy Swartley, and George Detwiler. Absent were Paul Condrack, Diane Sakal, Jack Florio and youth members Tia Weinstein and Evan Dietrich.

DEVOTIONS:

Devotions were led by Mindy Swartley and included a reading and a short prayer.

Following the devotions we discussed current action items

ACTION ITEMS:

1. **Confirmation:** Jake Ambrosio and Johnathan Rogers met with Council at this early date because they will be unavailable on the day the confirmation class appears next month. Members of Council spoke about their faith, how it developed, what it means to them and how it impacts their lives. Following the discussion Council was asked to vote on approving Jake and Jonathan for confirmation. A motion to approve was made by Mindy Swartley and seconded by Steve Moore and both Jake and Johnathan were approved unanimously.
2. **Synod Assembly Delegates:** A motion was made by George and seconded by Elaine to elect Carol Townsend and Brian Mickiewicz as Synod Assembly Delegates. The motion passed unanimously.
3. **Congregational Election Meeting, May 19th:** Our nominating committee, made up of Mindy Swartley, Steve Moore, Tony Mandik, Paul Condrack and Pastor Paul, needs three additional potential candidates in addition to Brian Mickiewicz, Shawn Rogers, and Mindy Swartley. A list was handed out with 17 potential candidates. Pastor led a discussion to help familiarize Council with each of them, present a little personal background and also determine which were the most likely to accept a request to serve. From the list a total of 6 were selected for initial contact by members of the nominating committee. Additional recommendations will be entertained and the committee will report back their results at the May meeting.
4. **Suggested recipients for the outreach portion of the Capital Campaign funds:** It was suggested following the March Council meeting that committees discuss potential candidates for outreach funds and present their ideas at the April meeting. Tony stated that candidates for funds would be presented to the Capital Campaign Committee for approval. George, as Chairman of that committee, offered his opinion that this approval was not required. Rather, the committee worked initially with other committees to establish priorities and guidelines which all committees should use in determining the usage of funds. Council or individual committees with the Approval of Council should determine whether those priorities and guidelines are being met.

Suggestions for the use of funds were as follows:

From Social Ministry:

Project Outreach, Good Samaritan Services, St. Mary's Shelter

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| From Mindy Swartley: | Meals on Wheels |
| From Tony Mandik: | The Zachary Wallace Fund |
| From Elaine Weinstein: | Fight On Makenna Foundation |
| From Brian Mickiewicz: | Habitat For Humanity / Chester County, Whitehall Veterans Center |
| From Ron Hoinowski: | Alcoholics Anonymous, Musicians on Call |
| From Shawn Rogers: | Epilepsy Foundation of Philadelphia |

Discussions regarding how to handle this outreach funding followed. It was agreed that the program will start in June, continue until the end of 2019, and be handled similarly to the Habitat for Humanity program in terms of matching the funds donated by the congregation.

It was also agreed that it would be the responsibility of the person/committee recommending the above organizations to contact them and see if they would want to give us any guidelines to use and also to prepare a paragraph describing these organizations. These would be gathered as part of a bulletin board display in the narthex to educate and inform other members of the congregation about these organizations. Information could also be published in our weekly bulletin and in The Parish Post.

REPORTS

- **Minutes from the previous meeting:** The minutes from the March meeting were reviewed. Other than a typo and the correction of spelling for a name the minutes were accepted unanimously after a motion by Steve Moore and seconded by George Detwiler.
- **Pastor's Report: Pastor Paul:** Pastor's report is attached.
- **Christian Ed/Youth: Shawn Rogers:**
 - The Lenten Project, which involves Good Samaritan Services in Phoenixville, is going well.
 - On Palm Sunday, at both services, our youth will be reading The Passion of Our Lord.
 - The Easter egg hunt planning is going well. Lots of candy donations have come in.
 - Youth Sunday is May 5th with a pancake breakfast served between services.
 - The Mother's Day Walk is also being planned in honor of all family members who have been affected by breast cancer.
 - Initial planning is underway for Vacation Bible School.
 - The confirmation class will be confirmed on June 9th and includes a luncheon.
 - A few new guidelines are being prepared for the nursery. A card explaining the rules of the nursery is being written and will be given to parents with young children. It has been noticed that some older children are hanging around the nursery who should be in church and, following the late church service, some parents are not picking children up promptly. These issues, among others, will be addressed in the new card.
 - A CPR class will start Thursday night, April 11th. Sponsored by the preschool but including six of our members.
 - A special thank you for all those who helped out at the cook-off while Shawn was at the hospital with Brookelyn. It was a big success.

- **Finance Committee: Jack Florio:** Jack was unable to attend and so there was no report.
- **Property Committee: Steve Moore:**
 - Clean up day is scheduled for April 13th from 9-12 AM.
 - Storage issues in the furnace room were discussed. Some consolidation is needed. Also, the closet outside is still full of Boy Scout materials and something needs to be decided on that.
 - Still waiting for additional quotes on the new wiring for the lights on the sign along Rte. 724. One bid was received for \$2,900.00. Property would like to have two more bids.
- **Social Ministry: George Detwiler**
 - The Social Ministry meeting was delayed this month and won't be held until April 15th.
 - A reminder that Thursday, April 11th is Zion's turn to staff the Food Pantry.
 - We are working with Good Samaritan Ministries to come up for a date where their organization can come to our late service and speak to the congregation.
- **Stewardship Committee:** No report
- **Worship and Music:** Ron Hoinowski
 - A reminder to everyone regarding all of the Holy Week activities.
- **Capital Campaign:** George Detwiler
 - Since there was no Finance Committee meeting this month there was no official report
 - Contributions do continue to come in fairly strongly and a big thank you to everyone who has contributed and helped make the campaign so successful.
- **Zion School:** Pastor Paul / Shawn
 - The end of the year is coming up with graduation on May 30th.
- **Zion Cemetery:** Steve Moore:
 - No report

FINANCIAL REPORTS: Jack Florio

Jack was unable to attend so next month Council will review the reports from both March and April.

OPEN DISCUSSION & CALENDAR

The next meeting of Council will be on May 14th.

There was no further discussion. A motion to adjourn was made by Steve Moore and seconded by Mindy Swartley. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting closed with a prayer by Pastor Paul with Council praying The Lord's Prayer.