

Council Report

August 2015

The June Council meeting was held August 18th. Carolyn provided a devotional and opening prayer.

We reviewed two reports from John Bennett concerning aging and non-compliant equipment. The first dealt with the boiler used to heat the south end of the complex installed in 1975; the second with the kitchen fire suppression system which no longer complies with current code regulations. Both items will require replacement. Bids will be taken on the suppression system immediately. Further action on replacing the boiler was tabled until additional research can be done regarding the cost-benefit relation between varying levels of boiler efficiencies. Our desire is to select a boiler that is both economical and environmentally responsible. We approved funding for these items to be taken from the Capital Reserve Fund, rather than from Operating income.

An extended discussion of the Faith Food Outreach ministry took place, focused on security issues, and declining and/or uncertain volunteer involvement. One suggestion was to team with one or more smaller churches that would not be able to take on a project this large on their own. Such a strategy would be consistent with other ecumenically cooperative ministries such as Revive Twin Cities. Additional discussion will be held on this but the consensus was that changes will be necessary in order to continue providing this outreach service.

Brief reports were provided on VBS and Revive Twin Cities (hosted at FCC Saturday 8/15).

Upcoming events of note included Burnsville Community Tour (8/30), Concert of Prayer (9/9), and All Church Picnic (9/13). It was also noted that staff has initiated discussions with Burnsville City administrative personnel regarding a worthy project for our Love Burnsville ministry this fall. Watch for more details on this.

The meeting was adjourned approximately 8:30 pm with the closing prayer offered by Ben.