

## Council Report

December 2015

The Council meeting was convened at 7:00 pm Dec. 15. Ben provided an opening thought on conversion and personal testimonies. The essence was that everyone's journey to salvation will be unique to them, and we should not judge others by some mental benchmark we have.

The November Financial Report, along with September and October, was tabled again due to a persistently recurring inconsistency in the amount shown in the Deacon's fund. Chuck was tasked to investigate and clear it up hopefully before our next meeting.

Pat and JD reported on leakage problems with the skylight in the sanctuary narthex. Plans are underway to enter into a contract to make the necessary repairs. The cost of the repair is estimated at \$35,000. We also discussed damages to a computer and to the elevator as a result of a power surge. Insurance is expected to cover at least some of the costs of the associated expenses. Pat further reported that our new boiler is in and operating, and with its technology we should realize some reduction in energy costs.

We discussed our Candidating Weekend, and all agreed it was a tremendous success. We shared stories of our individual interactions with congregants which were all highly positive. Mark reported it currently appears that Pastor Brad will not be able to join us before Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>. As soon as a firm starting date can be determined, we will develop plans for an Installation service. There are some scheduling conflicts with Brad's and Mark Stromberg's January commitments that will likely push our date into Feb.

We then proceeded to an extended discussion of the definition of a Member in Good Standing for the purpose of qualifying to stand for a position on the Council. The outcome was that all Council members are to research what the scriptures have to say about qualifications for leadership positions, and giving expectations. This will be on the agenda for discussion again at our January meeting.

Finally, we brainstormed ways we might be able to employ electronic media to more effectively spread the Gospel. Specific concepts mentioned were U-tube, Public Access TV, streaming video, and social media outlets. Ben will meet with Ryan Nyquist to discuss this in hopes that we can have a rudimentary plan/strategy developed by the time Brad comes on board.

Kavan closed the meeting with prayer, and we adjourned at 9:30.