

June 2017 Council Report

The Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm, June 20. Brad opened by directing us to the last statement of James 4:2: "You do not have, because you do not ask God." He then led a table prayer focused on asking God for what we want heading into our annual meeting and summer season. We asked, among other things, for a productive annual meeting, for unity, for wisdom in recognizing and following His will, and for blessings on retiring Council members as well as those who will be voted on for new seats or positions.

Carolyn brought treats in honor of our retiring members, Mark, Kavan, and Jim.

The Consent Agenda was approved recognizing that June FYI reports will be included in the annual meeting documents.

Pursuant to a unanimous e-mail vote, we confirmed the Council slate that will be voted on at the annual meeting as follows:

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| 1. Carolyn Woelfel | President |
| 2. J.D. Kuplic | Vice-President |
| 3. Josh Anderson | Financial Secretary |
| 4. Laura Fedock | Member at Large |
| 5. Mark Madsen | Member at Large |

Action on the May Financial Report was tabled pending resolution of an apparent mistake in the figure for May Budget YTD.

The request for a bridge loan for the Romanian Mission Trip has been withdrawn as it appears the members of the team have successfully raised the funds they need.

The budget for FY 2018 was submitted reflecting a slight reduction from the FY 2017 budget. The reduction results from energy savings we have realized coming from investing in more efficient mechanical equipment and lighting, as well as other expense reductions achieved through wise stewardship of our resources. Council voted to accept the budget for consideration for approval at the annual meeting.

Brad updated the Council on the activities of the Feasibility Study Planning Team. The confidential interviews are complete, and the last of the written surveys should be in this week. Feedback from the information meetings, surveys, and interviews will be consolidated by Hal Johnson & Associates, and presented to a combined meeting of the Feasibility Study Planning Team and the Council on June 28th. The team and the Council will study these findings to arrive at any recommendations on how we should proceed going forward.

Athele, as liaison to the GO Team, reported on a couple of changes they have made in the distribution of resources. We have been providing support to the DinoMights youth hockey program for some time now. As corporate sponsorships of this group have grown over the years, the GO Team felt our funds

might be put to better use elsewhere. Therefore, it was decided to drop the DinoMights, and redirect those funds to our Youth with a Mission (YWAM) volunteers.

Pat raised a question related to the effective use of our sign on Nicollet Ave. During the discussion it was noted that our By-Laws provide for a standing Communication Committee, and that this subject would seemingly fall under the purview of that group. Since there is no functional committee at this time, Ben agreed to enlist volunteers to staff one to take on those responsibilities enumerated in the By-Laws, and specifically effective use of our signage as well as an overall marketing strategy for the church.

Carolyn distributed a book we will be studying over the summer entitled "Growing Young" authored by Kara Powell, Jake Mulder, and Brad Griffin. The sub-title is "6 Essential Strategies to Help Young People Discover and Love Your Church." It would appear to be timely subject matter for us.

She then presented Mark with a card and gift in appreciation for his service on the Council.

Mark offered the closing prayer with adjournment at 8:35 pm.