

Minutes of Meeting of the Church Council

November 14, 2018

PRESENT:

John Mingus, Moderator
Nancy Hall, Moderator Elect
Carolyn Yocom, Past Moderator
Jean Wheelock, Clerk
(Absent), Membership Clerk
Mary Summers, Treasurer
(Absent), Assistant Treasurer
(Vacant), Comptroller
Heidi Warrington, Board of Education
Chris Weakley, Board of Deacons
Janet Parsons Mackey, Board of Outreach
& Social Justice
Andrew Hunter, Board of Trustees

Jan Curtis, Archivist/Historian
Barbara Shepherd, Communications Comm.
Joe Christensen, Endowment Committee
Amanda Halstead, Music Committee
(Absent), Nominations & Appointments
(Absent), Personnel Committee
(Absent), Safe Church Committee
Adam Honeysett, Stewardship Committee
Bruce Douglas, Member at Large
(Absent), Member at Large
(Vacant), Member at Large
David Lindsey, Senior Pastor
(Absent), Associate Pastor

John Mingus called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m. David Lindsey opened with a prayer.

Jean Wheelock moved that the minutes for the Governance Board meeting of September 12, 2018, be approved. The motion was seconded and minutes were approved.

Jan Curtis moved that the Church Council minutes of August 8, 2018, be approved. The motion was seconded and the minutes were approved.

Jean asked that the minutes for the Church Council of July 8, 2018, be approved. The motion was seconded and the minutes were approved.

Mary Summers gave the Treasurer's Report. October saw losses in market value of investments. The pledge collections are low for the month. Committees who are considering moving funds into investment funds may want to wait until the market settles down.

Mary said that a person had requested mileage reimbursement for a volunteer assignment. Discussion followed. It was determined that the Finance team will draft a policy for review.

Mary also raised the issue of the recent use of petty cash which was not in line with church financial policy. She also pointed out that checks are cut every Thursday now which allows for faster reimbursement. Chris Weakley said that the new policy had not been communicated to the First Friday volunteers who had stepped in because of John Davis's absence. Chris will communicate the policy before determining if anything further needs to be done.

David passed out his draft of a victim's impact statement to be filed with the judge who will be sentencing Dylan Mahone. Time was taken for members present to read the statement. He

incorporated comments made by those present at the Listening Session on November 4, and wrote about how the vandalism affected him. Discussion ensued. Joe Christensen moved that the statement be divided into two statements, one for the church and one for David Lindsey's personal statement, and that John Mingus be tasked with completing the statement for the church. The motion was seconded and the vote was favorable. David plans to attend the sentencing.

Adam Honeysett reported on the progress of the stewardship campaign. The total to date is \$379,156 with 85 pledges reporting. Thirty have increased pledges, 14 have decreased. There are seven new pledges that total \$13k. If the \$16k pledges through VANCO continue, the church has almost \$400k. If everyone gave as much as last year, it would get us to 95%. Adam has a reasonable expectation of getting to \$595k.

Andrew Hunter presented a preliminary budget for 2019 which are his initial efforts and has not been endorsed by Trustees. He was thanked, and Council considered the options.

David Lindsey discussed his possible plans for a sabbatical in 2020. Carolyn Yocom questioned whether David should wait until 2020, given his current level of fatigue. Carolyn said it was concern for David as well as for the benefit of Little River to have a refreshed pastor. The Council indicated that Little River could be ready for a 2019 summer sabbatical. John asked David to consider which time period he would use for his sabbatical and to advise the church as soon as possible so the church could plan accordingly.

It was determined that the Ministry Board meet one Wednesday in December and the Governance Board on another. Church Council will meet on January 9, 2019.

The meeting was closed by prayer by David at 9:45 p.m.

Submitted by,

Jean Wheelock
Church Clerk