

August 17 Council Highlights

Council Chair Vince Snowbarger called the meeting to order at 4:10 PM. Members present were Jackie Berger, Sabrina Butler, Dave Guenther, Ken Linenberger, Carolyn Snowbarger, Vince Snowbarger, and Tamora Thomas. Anne Linenberger and Sally Swartz were excused. Sue Stern attended as treasurer, and Charlie Carson was recording secretary. Vince opened with prayer.

- Sue presented the final financials for 2016-2017 and for July. Income was slightly higher than expenses for 2016-2017. Income was good for July and expenses were low with the start of the new fiscal year.
- Council discussed plans to review the bylaws for clarifications and inconsistencies. This will be a year-long process with changes to be presented to the congregation at next year's annual meeting. Jackie will take the lead.
- Sabrina agreed to take the lead in developing a committee designed to be an intermediary between the council, congregation, and the pastor and staff.
- Carolyn proposed that the Equipping & Education Ministry be renamed the Education Ministry. Council approved. Other members are reviewing proposed changes to be reviewed at next month's meeting.
- Ken reported on efforts to lease a copier/printer. In an earlier vote outside of the regular meetings, council approved a proposal that Fred Quist had reviewed and recommended. Some questions have arisen. However, pending resolution of those issues council again approved pursuing the lease approach.
- Vince reported on the status of the interim pastor search. In a meeting following the council meeting, members of the interim search group (Lynne Evans, Dick Engdahl, Vince Snowbarger, and Tamora Thomas) will be meeting with our contact with the local Presbytery's Committee on Ministries to review our situation and get guidance on pursuing a Presbyterian interim. On Monday, the group is Skyping with a possible ELCA candidate. Interim housing continues to be a concern. Vince will continue to pursue possible options.
- Tamora announced ministers have been identified to cover the pulpit through October. On the music scene, Tamora announced that we are in need of an accompanist for the choir and for additional accompanists for our worship services.
- Tamora and Sabrina briefly reported the status of the work of the Pastor Search Team including the meeting held just before council meeting to assign various tasks to the team.
- On Sunday, August 20, Dick Engdahl will conduct a commissioning of the newly elected leadership of UCSJ.
- Jackie closed the meeting with prayer. The next council meeting has been rescheduled for **Thursday, September 7 at 4:00 PM.**