

DRAFT Minutes Monthly Church Council Meeting
March 28, 2023 @ 5 PM

Members Attending: Charlotte, Fritz, Shawn, Paul, Anne, Linda, Dre, Lauren, Nancy, and Naj. Ex officio members attending Rev. John Sampson and Liz

Dre offered an Opening Prayer and gave out notepaper to have each person present offer an affirmation to another present.

A Quorum was established.

Naj moved, and Linda seconded approval of the last meeting's Minutes. Passed unanimously.

John reported on the upcoming Council Retreat to be held at 1:00 on April 23 at Dan and Debbie's house in Keene. The agenda for the retreat will be out after Easter.

John gave a JPN event update. Sub groups for advertising, the registration website, and education have been established and are moving forward.

Lauren gave a report on the WelcomeCorps Opportunity that is a Federal initiative that provides that community groups can sponsor refugee families. Housing must be identified. At least one person in the family must have the ability to drive, as there is no public transportation in the Keene area. Naj moved and Jim seconded a motion to bring this opportunity to the congregation for discussion. Passed unanimously. (Also see report)

Fritz gave Personnel Task Force update. He will be putting a request in an upcoming weekly email to ask for volunteers who are interested in this task force.

Dre gave a Bazaar update. Beginning April 19 at 5:00 there will be bi-weekly meetings to plan the Bazaar. Please attend to plan the tweak of traditional parts of the event and assist to collaborate to make all parts of the event better.

John and Jimm gave an update on the new Website. High-level plans have been laid out and contact made with a designer to determine cost and design. Nancy will provide the current cost for hosting the current website. Liz will be available to assist at the end of April.

John and Nancy addressed budget timing. A congregational vote to change the date back to the beginning of each year from October This item was tabled until the next Council meeting.

Discussion was held on the invitation to partner with OurStoryBridge. Privacy concerns were noted. A motion was made by Fritz and seconded by Paul to thankfully decline the invitation. Motion passed with one member opposed.

Dre asked if there were any questions or comments on the reports submitted:

- Grounds Report (Pam and Erica)
- Mission and Social Action Report (Naj and Martha)
- Manse Discernment Group Report (Debby)
- Pastor's Report (John)

- Treasurer's Report (Nancy)
- Buildings Report (Derek)
- Worship Committee Report (Linda)
- Flower Committee Report (Charlotte)
- Re-Opening Task Force Report (John)
- CJC Report (Pam)

Nancy requested a motion to have this year's amended budget to go back to the congregation. Motion made by Anne, seconded by Naj to hold a congregational meeting to consider the revised budget. This meeting may occur in May or June. Motion passed unanimously. Please note that ¼'ly budgets will be available showing remaining balances to assist committee chairs.

Next Meeting April 25 at 5:00.

Dre closed the meeting.

Shawn Lamarche