

1. Roll Call: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Adam Huck.
 - a. Present: Pastor Keith, Mary Baldwin, Steve Barrett, Lindsay Conyers, Adam Huck, Lori Johnson, Linda Lebeda, Eric Loseke, Larry Oolman, Nicole Sorenson
 - b. Absent: Stephen Boss
2. Devotions: Steve Barrett shared a devotion from Pablo Diaz, Friday, August 23, 2024 based on Psalm 46:10 – Be still and know that I am God.
3. Approval of September Agenda – 1st Mary, 2nd Lindsay, approved
4. Approval of August Council Minutes – 1st Larry, 2nd Mary, approved
5. Financial Status Report – reference accompanying report.
 - a. August offerings were under budget by \$1,677.19. Year to date general fund offerings are under budget by \$6,113.63. General fund income year to date exceeds expenses by \$2,884.57 at August 31.
 - b. August expenses include \$802.15 to Eagle Plumbing for the gas line leaks
6. Unfinished Business
 - a. Anniversary Celebrations – progressing well, need to sale more tickets, meeting on Sunday, September 15th.
 - b. Elevator Installation.
 - i. Expect equipment arrival and installation by late October.
 - ii. Elevator monitoring phone required. Morning Star available for installation. Monthly service to monitor phone \$65/per month.
 - iii. TELC will recognize Bob Middleton’s gracious gift with a plaque.
 - c. End of Life Gifts - Congregational Meeting Recap and Process to Sell
 - i. Reference President Adam Huck’s thoughts at Attachment 1.
 - ii. Reference accompanying proposal from James and Belinda Apronti.
 - iii. Discussion items:
 1. Congregation supportive of selling property to James and Belinda.
 2. Need to have legal review of agreement.
 3. James and U.S. Army veteran. He is exploring a VA loan.
 4. Margot’s desire for home aligns well with James and Belinda’s plans for ministry and outreach.
 5. Congregation responsible for property during any rental phase.
 6. Motion: Members of the council should engage attorney to discuss rent

to own contract with fee cap of \$2000 at this time and bring draft to next council meeting.

7. New Business

a. Wednesday Worship

- i. Will resume October 2nd with services every Wednesday through December 11th except Thanksgiving week. Will then resume again in Lent.
- ii. There are two new members to the preaching team.

b. Congregational Vision Meetings

- i. Reference Adam's thoughts at Attachment 1.
- ii. Workday at Ord St home (Margot's) September 21st, 9 AM
- iii. Walk through day at church on September 29th to develop property needs list.
- iv. Meet with Edward Jones and Thrivent for investment guidance.
- v. Mission vision goals meeting Oct 13, Nov 10
- vi. Financial visioning meeting to follow.

8. Staff Reports

- a. Sep 29th, Eileen Hawkey preaching. Pastor attending training event.
- b. Audubon group meeting in church every Wednesday, 10-40 attendees, non-profit, will not charge rent,

9. Administrative Items

- a. Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 8th at 7:00pm
- b. Devotions for October meeting: Larry O.

10. Adjournment: 8:35 PM. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Attachment 1. Thoughts from Congregation President Adam Huck

Hello all,

I wanted to send some take aways and thoughts on next steps to a smaller group than the full council if I can take advantage of your time in that way. I don't want to wait until the next council meeting to set some of these items in motion. There are a lot of different thoughts going on below, so take your time!

Take Aways:

1. We have congregational support to sell the house
2. There seemed to be significant support after the meeting in selling the home to Belinda and James if that is feasible. I don't think the church should be in an owner financing situation, so the credit and loan piece would be on them. I also don't know about accepting a below market sale price, however I did have members mention to me that they would be okay with a lower sale price if it was sold to them.
3. I have a tendency to get caught up in the "profit maximization" element here and the congregation definitely brought me back to a place where mission driven investment, both physically and financially, should be the goal.
4. Several people also voiced not wanting to sell the property to a "landlord" type

Upcoming Congregational Involvement:

1. Orchestrate a work day at Margot's home to get it cleaned up and ready to sell. I would like to do this on the weekend of September 14th if we think that provides enough time to organize, or if it is believed we should get it done sooner. There is a home football game on the 14th at 9PM, but homecoming is not until the 23rd -28th.
2. I would like to do a building walk through taking note of projects and thoughts on the physical state of the church before the end of September.
3. In October/November I am thinking it would be nice to have a representative from the Mission Investment Fund come and speak. This is a potential avenue for investment for us, and one we are using pretty regularly right now
4. A meeting in November/ October regarding the monetary elements of investment and property repairs/remodeling

Next steps for council/ executive team

1. Meet with a realtor (Mardell?) To discuss property listing
2. Meet with James and Belinda to discuss purchase of the property?
3. Next Council meeting discuss sale to member verses a proper listing and open sale
4. Decide whether to create a 3rd bedroom. The building of this could be accomplished at the same time as a work day at the home if we believe that would be beneficial
5. Investigate different investment avenues, which could include meeting with different account managers. Some of these could include: MIF, Thrivent, Edward Jones, First Interstate Wealth Management, and I am sure there are more, but these come to mind due to mission driven/ already connected with the organization.

I am sure there are other considerations, but these came to mind first and foremost. Thank you all for what you