

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH COUNCIL AGENDA

22 May 2024

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24 April 2024

Moderator Judy Basham opened the meeting with prayer. Present were Lester Freeman, Judy Basham, Marilyn Leming, Christy Thompson, Ed Newport, David Bryan, Charles Smith, Mike Morriss (online), Jacque Hart (online), and Nancy Stevenson (minutes recorder).

Judy introduced Seth Hammock who explained that he is renovating the building at 113 N. 4th street — directly across the street south from First Christian Church parking lot — into an art center replete with 2 artists-in-residence, 2 studio spaces, an art gallery, live entertainment events, and meeting place. It will be called The Alley PC. To provide additional income he said he wants to include a bar open to the public 3 days a week — Wednesday open mic night and Thursday and Friday or Friday and Saturday — and open for private events the other days. State law requires church approval for the operation of the bar since the business would be within 300 feet of the church. After Seth's explaining his business model, goals, 5-year plan, stages of the renovation (health license, fire suppression, city planning and 2/3 of the work completed) he was dismissed, and discussion resumed. Charles made a motion to give approval of the bar as described to the council and Ed seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

Order of the agenda was resumed, and previous minutes were approved after motions be Ed and Marilyn.

PIE PARTNERSHIP

Tutoring - Becky Davis is working with Lincoln Elementary School administrators planning fall tutoring. We will switch to 2nd graders due to need. We need to recruit more tutors.

Teacher Appreciation Luncheon - Becky asked for approval of funds to purchase a cake and \$5 gift cards for Lincoln Elementary teachers (28 teachers and 15 staff) costing approximately \$250. Previously, the church had a special offering and gave \$4400. Discussion highlighted the church's current budget and priorities and the inflated number given (entire staff). Mike confirmed the tutoring account has \$3900. Ed/Charles motioned to spend \$300. Motion passed.

Vacation Bible School - Nancy has contacted Community and Woodlands proposing the three churches cosponsoring a summer VBS. Response was favorable. Ideas for non-traditional sessions (perhaps evening, weekly for 4 weeks, or monthly, perhaps in a park. Action in progress.

FINDING PIANIST/MUSIC DIRECTOR

Lester and Stephen have made some contacts. No progress.

REPLACING ED

Council Treasurer Ed Newport resigned effective 15 May 2024 because he is moving to Oklahoma City. Bob Corbin has agreed to take his place effective 16 May 2024. This is necessary for bank signatory issues. The group accepted Bob as solid, dedicated, and trustworthy. He was approved by consensus according to bylaws.

BUILDING MAINTENANCE

Jacque Hart proposed that the Decorating Committee make a list of places that need spot painting for either the Tuesday Guys or professionals to finish. This project began 2 years ago but was put on hold in order to wait for heavy rains to reveal leaks. Areas mentioned included the reception area, Fellowship Hall, stairwell, and sanctuary ceiling. Spots might require painting entire walls and plaster repair. Sanctuary ceiling will require scaffolding and thus professional painters. Consensus was for the Decorating Committee to go ahead and survey for damaged areas, get estimates (Kim Stauffer for Tuesday Guys). Hoffman, Watermark, and Floyd Jones were suggested as professional contractors for estimates on sanctuary pillars and ceiling.

REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Stephen reported on Regional meeting in Stroud to confirm leadership and approve budget. Next meeting will be in July. Stephen closed the meeting with prayer.

These minutes reflect a correction to the original minutes I sent 26 April. The correction is a change in number of days The Alley PC bar will be open to the public — these add the Wednesday open mic night to the two included in the original minutes. Thanks to Marilyn, Lester, Jacque, Ed, Christy, Mike, and Judy for responding to my note to seeking their opinions about the issue of the bar with the correction. All responders were still in favor given the corrected terms. And thanks to Nancy for acknowledging my change to her notes.

End of April 24, 2024, minutes.