

St. Peter's First Community Church Council Minutes
August 10, 2021

Members present: Ann Ambler, Megan Condry, Megan Engle, Adrian Halverstadt, Doyle Krieg (via Zoom), Andy Miller, Adam Myers, David Morrison, Jenna Strick

David Morrison called the meeting to order. Andy Miller opened the meeting with prayer. SPFCC Council minutes from July 2021 were approved.

Ann Ambler shared that the Fellowship Team lost a member but has gained two members. Jim and Jane Friermood have joined the Fellowship Team. The Fellowship Team continues to send out cards. The Fellowship Team is planning an upcoming outing to a Fort Wayne TinCaps game. 17 of the 20 tickets SPFCC has purchased are sold for the August 29th game.

David Morrison shared that worship services are going well. Slight adjustments have been made to allow for a little more teaching and a little less singing. The Worship Team is looking forward to getting Adam Jones involved. Outdoor worship will be held on September 26th with a food truck in the SPFCC parking lot after worship service that day. Feedback regarding communion was shared, and David Morrison will pass feedback onto Adam Jones.

Jenna Strick shared that the Teaching Team may set a team meeting for September and have Adam Jones join that meeting. Jenna has been communicating with Adam Jones about the upcoming sermon series. Sharon Metzger, Matt Webb, Janet Branham, and Danielle Shafer are involved with the Teaching Team. Liturgists will not be scheduled past August.

Andy Miller shared that the Missionary Spotlight Sunday last Sunday went well. The Missions Team will try to keep the missionaries that SPFCC supports in front of the congregation.

Doyle Krieg asked a question about Covid-19 updates and guidance.

Adrian Halverstadt shared that Adam Jones signed his contract today for the pastor position with St. Peter's First. Adam Jones will begin being paid by St. Pete's now.

Megan Condry shared that the Children's Team is continuing children's activities that have been happening for the last year and a half. The Children's Team has been preparing the children's classrooms, working on volunteers, and working on curriculum for children's classes. Prayers are appreciated for the children's classes. The Children's Team will be phasing in the children's classes beginning with the nursery. Children will worship with the congregation on the first Sunday of the month. Josh and Abigail Nicholson had a baby recently and meals are being coordinated to be delivered to them. Clara Gatchel's baptism will happen this coming Sunday. The youth group has met in person this summer and has enjoyed games and worship songs. There will be possible opportunities for teenage girls this fall. Homework Help begins again next Monday. Prayers for one particular family with two kids with which Megan Condry has not been able to get in touch are appreciated. Prayers for the Homework Help senior who is off to college are appreciated.

Adam Myers shared that the Property Team is working on reconstruction of the gutter to help keep bats out of the church. The Property Team is doing cleaning of carpet, duct cleaning, and wood floor cleaning at the parsonage. There was discussion about whether or not there are rules about pets in the parsonage. There are currently not any rules in regard to pets at the parsonage. The floors at the parsonage are all refinished now, and there is a five year warranty on the floors. The Property Team has been trying to do for the parsonage whatever they would do for their own homes and has been taking care of it accordingly. A new dishwasher, refrigerator, and countertops are being put in at the parsonage. Jim Friermood donated the materials for the countertops. Fellowship Hall is coming along with patching and painting. The hope is be done with painting the front wall of

Fellowship Hall tomorrow and to be finished with painting in Fellowship Hall entirely by Monday for Homework Help. The Property Team is then waiting on a time for Travis Monsey to be able to complete installation of the new carpeting. The elevator light has been out, and the Property Team is working on repairing that. The Property Team could work on having additional volunteers on the team.

Items for Discussion:

Samantha Sutorius stepped down as the Women's Team leader. There was discussion about possibilities to fill that role. Megan Engle will put an announcement in the bulletin in regard to the open team leader role asking for anyone interested to contact Megan in the church office. Megan Engle will email the members of the Women's Team to let them know that Sam stepped down. Council can approve the person who is a candidate for filling the Women's Team leader position based on past precedent when Adrian Halverstadt became the team leader for the Teaching Team a few years ago.

Team leaders should discuss changes for the 2022 budget with their teams and with Barb Derr before mid-September. Council will review the 2022 budget at the October Council meeting.

If any team leaders are planning to step down from their role as team leader in 2022, those individuals need to inform Council by the September Council meeting so that a nominating committee can be formed at the September meeting if needed.

Text voting for the congregational meeting worked well. 19 votes were received via text. Text voting will likely continue for future congregational meetings. Livestreaming will likely continue for future congregational meetings, as well.

In regard to Covid-19, SPFCC has followed local government and local health official advice and recommendations to this point. SPFCC congregants are welcome to wear masks, but there is no recommendation to do so at this point. If a special meeting is needed if things change with the Covid-19 situation, then a special Council meeting can be called. Megan Engle will put a link to the Covid-19 update videos by local health official, Matt Pflieger, in the weekly emails.

To help onboard Adam Jones, cleaning of the parsonage is being done, the Women's Team has organized the stock the parsonage donations, and Council can invite Adam to community events and other activities. Megan Engle will send Adam's phone number and email address to Council members.

Adam Myers asked about the 3-5 year plan development for SPFCC. There was discussion about whether we do a fund drive or capital campaign for this. It was decided that it is best to put together a subgroup as a 3-5 year plan committee. There is the possibility of bringing in a consultant to help with the 3-5 year plan. Megan Engle will send on to Council the information we received from the Center for Congregations in regard to 3-5 year planning.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.