

St. Peter's First Community Church Council Minutes  
December 14, 2021

Members present: Ann Ambler, Megan Condry, Megan Engle, Adrian Halverstadt, Adam Jones, Doyle Krieg, Adam Myers, David Morrison, Katie Schilling, Jenna Strick

David Morrison called the meeting to order. Pastor Adam Jones opened the meeting with prayer.

Linda Buskirk with Buskirk Solutions was invited to the beginning portion of this Council meeting and gave a presentation about what she can offer to St. Pete's to help with strategic long-term planning. Linda Buskirk gave a description and overview of her services and asked some questions of the SPFCC Council. Linda explained that she can help SPFCC discover its mission/vision/value/gifts and help identify what the Holy Spirit is doing within the St. Pete's body and in turn what impact St. Pete's wants to make. The SPFCC Council affirmed for Linda that they want the SPFCC congregation to be involved in the strategic planning process as much as possible. After Linda's sharing and receiving some feedback from the SPFCC Council, the Council affirmed their interest in receiving a proposal from Linda. Linda will work on a proposal for St. Pete's and will try to send it to SPFCC by or around Christmas. Linda Buskirk left the meeting.

There was some Council discussion about the services Linda Buskirk can offer to SPFCC. There was generally positive feedback about Linda and the services she can offer to St. Pete's in the way of strategic planning. The SPFCC Council will wait to receive more information and a proposal from Linda before making a decision about which consultant to utilize or whether or not to utilize a consultant to help with strategic planning. When Megan Engle receives the proposal from Linda, she will pass this information onto the SPFCC Council. At that time, Megan Engle will also pass on the information we received from Mike Stone at the November Council meeting about his consulting services.

SPFCC Council minutes from November 2021 were approved.

Ann Ambler shared that the Fellowship Team paired with the Children's Team to create crafts after worship service the first Sunday of December. The Fellowship Team organized cookie decorating at St. Pete's last Saturday, and that activity went well. The Fellowship Team put together Christmas bags for SPFCC's shut-in friends and delivered the bags. Several shut-in friends from SPFCC have passed away in this last year, and the Fellowship Team is grieving these losses.

Adam Myers shared that the Property Team has been working on several repairs of the SPFCC building. Prayers are appreciated for the SPFCC building to be protected! There were water leaks in the nursery that have been repaired. The boilers are still having issues turning off. Wheeler Mechanical is working on fixing these issues with the boilers. The pipes and valves St. Pete's has that go along with the boilers have not been working. The Property Team is working on estimates and projects for 2022. If the boilers are reset, please let Adam Myers know.

Doyle Krieg shared that the Men's Team is hoping to have a team meeting in January. The Men's Team did a good job with the sock and underwear drive recently and made these donations to Love INC.

Adrian Halverstadt shared updates for the Finance Team. SPFCC is really close to budget on the year to date expenses at this point in the year. SPFCC is receiving new monthly income from the Pugh Trust.

Jenna Strick shared that the Advent devotional and after worship service gatherings facilitated by the Teaching Team have been going pretty well. Not a lot of people have been attending the gatherings, but the Advent devotional books were taken and well received. The Teaching Team met today and discussed in what ways Teaching Team members are gifted and how this can be shared with the congregation.

Katie Schilling shared updates for the Women's Team. Decorating at St. Pete's for Christmas went well. Katie asked about taking down Christmas decorations on January 9<sup>th</sup> or January 16<sup>th</sup>. Katie will not be at St. Pete's on January 9<sup>th</sup>. Council agreed that taking down Christmas decorations on January 16<sup>th</sup> will be fine. The Women's Team is considering a ham loaf fundraiser around Easter. The SPFCC Women's Circle of Faith went caroling to some shut-in friends recently and enjoyed this time together.

David Morrison shared that the Worship Team is doing well. There is a good mix of volunteers that are participating in Sunday morning worship services at this point. Help with tech roles (sound tech, video tech, livestream tech) is always needed. If you are interested or know someone who is interested in these tech roles, please let David Morrison know.

Megan Condry shared that the Children's Team is continuing the activities they have been to stay connected to families throughout the week. All Sunday morning children's classes are now available. Prayers for God to provide volunteers for the children's classes are appreciated. The Children's Team celebrated Orion Bender's dedication this month. The Children's Team is celebrating the Advent and Christmas season with the SPFCC kids. A happy birthday, Jesus! Christmas party took place on Zoom last Sunday. This coming Sunday, a Christmas movie gathering will take place in the afternoon. A subscription box service will be used in the new year with the youth. Homework Help is almost finished for this semester. The Homework Help program is currently full and has a waitlist. Prayers for volunteers for Homework Help are appreciated. Bingo has been a hit with the Homework Help students.

Pastor Adam shared that he and Jess would like to start a reading group in January. Pastor Adam would like to do listening session to get feedback from the SPFCC congregation. The next sermon series will focus on Colossians and will take SPFCC up to Lent. Pastor Adam would like to do a game day at St. Pete's sometime in February. Pastor Adam is hoping that St. Pete's can have more congregational involvement in serving communion. The congregational care workshop in November went well. Pastor Adam requested a desk for his office, likely an "L" shaped desk. The Property Team and Finance Team will plan to approve this request once Pastor Adam shares the amount of the desk with them. Adam Myers asked about whether or not SPFCC offices have been painted. Eva Webb is willing to paint the offices. Adam Jones will let Adam Myers know when Eva will paint the offices, and Adam Myers will have supplies at SPFCC for painting. There were some questions and some conversation about what the listening sessions Pastor Adam mentioned would look like. These sessions might wait until after the strategic planning so that the congregation is not confused. Pastor Adam shared that membership classes will be offered in March. The SPFCC Council gave Pastor Adam positive feedback regarding the visitations he has been doing to the St. Pete's shut-in friends, etc. These congregants genuinely appreciate and are encouraged by these visits!

Voting for Council officer for 2022 took place by paper ballot. Andy Miller was elected as Council Chairperson. David Morrison was elected as Council Vice Chairperson. Jenna Strick was elected as Council Secretary. Adrian Halverstadt is the Council Treasurer through his role as Finance Team Leader. Adrian Halverstadt let Andy Miller know that he was elected Council Chairperson.

Discussion was had about whether or not anything different should be done in regard to SPFCC's Covid-19 guidelines at this point. It was decided that nothing different should be done at this point.

The SPFCC Council decided that the SPFCC Annual Meeting will be held following service on January 30<sup>th</sup>. It is up to the Women's Team to decide whether or not to have a meal with the meeting. If a meal is a part of the meeting, the meal should be prepared at SPFCC and should not be a carry in/potluck meal.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.