

St. Peter's First Community Church Council Minutes
February 8, 2022

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

Andy Miller asked for prayer requests to begin the meeting. Prayer requests were shared. Pastor Adam Jones opened the meeting with prayer.

Mike Stone, a strategic planning consultant hired by St. Pete's to help with a strategic plan for the church, presented information about how his consulting services will work. A special congregational meeting will be held on March 6, 2022 to debrief with the SPFCC congregation following a congregational feedback survey. Megan E. will send the survey out on February 14th. The special congregational meeting will be announced on February 13th. Mike Stone will be at St. Pete's during worship service on March 6th to interview kids from St. Pete's and get their feedback and input, as well.

Mike Stone left the meeting.

SPFCC Council minutes from January 2022 and 2022 annual meeting minutes were approved.

Andy Miller asked about whether or not the SPFCC Council believes we should proceed with a grant proposal to the Center for Congregations to help with the amount we will pay for Mike Stone's consulting services. The SPFCC Council was in agreement that this grant is not necessary at this time.

Andy Miller asked about how to go about recruiting additional volunteers for Sunday morning duties, etc. There was some discussion by Council members on this topic. Asking individuals one-on-one about volunteering on Sunday mornings for specific roles seems to be the best way to recruit volunteers. It also seems to be important that we let those we are asking to volunteer know that SPFCC will teach and train them. It was decided that at the Council meeting in March, recruiting volunteers will be an agenda item. Team leaders were asked to come with needs and volunteer roles that need to be filled for their teams and ideas for who can fill or who may be interested in filling these roles. If you can send these lists to Megan Engle prior to the March meeting, she will consolidate volunteer roles that need to be filled and Council members can brainstorm together at the March meeting.

Pastor Adam gave an update about Mike Eiting and information of which he has been made aware in regard to inappropriate sexual conduct by Mike Eiting. Mike Eiting has been receiving his mail at SPFCC, but he now has stable housing. Pastor Adam will contact Mike to let him know he will need to receive mail elsewhere.

Andy Miller asked about what happens to try to decide about cancelling church services in the case of inclement weather. A couple years ago, the decision about cancelling services was made by congregants in various parts of the county...Mike Hacker, Zen Hess, David Morrison, and Brian Royer. These individuals would evaluate weather at their locations to decide whether or not worship services should be cancelled. This information will be evaluated to try to determine the best way to make these decisions going forward. If there is a red travel advisory for the county, worship services should be cancelled. If worship services are cancelled, the sermon could still possibly be recorded or shared on the livestream.

Andy Miller recognized the time and asked team leaders if there were any pertinent and necessary updates that need to be made at this meeting rather than having every team leader share.

Adam Myers shared that the Property Team is looking at abandoning the boilers. The Property Team has been working to continue putting Band-aid solutions on the boilers, but there is continually something wrong with the system. The Property Team is looking at a big project for a new heating and cooling system at SPFCC.

Prayers are appreciated as the Property Team discerns how to move forward with this, and guidance and support from the Council will be welcomed.

Jenna Strick shared that the Teaching Team met on Sunday and will have handouts/reflections to align with Pastor Adam's sermon series on spiritual disciplines throughout Lent.

Megan Condy shared that she is working on the United Way grant for Homework Help in February and March. Prayers for this process are appreciated.

Doyle Krieg shared that he hopes for the Men's Team to meet in March.

Adam Jones shared that an Afghanistan refugee family is moving here on Friday and needs three meals a day for two weeks. St. Pete's is helping provide meals to the family. Information will be shared about dietary restrictions for this family. Meal buddies will also be needed to eat meals with the family. A Signup Genius sheet will be included in the weekly email to provide meals or be a meal buddy.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.