

St. Peter's First Community Church Council Minutes
January 11, 2022 on Zoom

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

Pastor Adam Jones opened the meeting with prayer.

SPFCC Council minutes from December 2021 were approved.

Andy Miller shared that the SPFCC Council would go through a nominal group process to decide on a strategic planning consultant to utilize. Jenna Strick explained the nominal group process procedure. Council members shared thoughts about hiring a consultant. Several SPFCC Council members shared their excitement about the strategic planning process with a consultant. Some Council members shared their sense of feeling lost and not sure that hiring a consultant is the right path forward. The hope is that a consultant will help make clearer what SPFCC desires and where God is leading the church by helping us discern God's voice in the process. Jenna Strick shared that SPFCC Council members can vote for their choice of consultant using the number of points given per individual in the nominal group process by using the chat feature on Zoom. After giving Council members a few minutes to vote, Adrian Halverstadt tallied points given by Council members. Mike Stone received the most points in the nominal group process and will be the consultant that helps SPFCC with a strategic plan.

Andy Miller will contact Mike Stone to ask him for a more definite plan to present to Council. Megan Engle will contact Linda Buskirk.

Adam Myers shared that the Property Team is working on getting the nursery fixed and is working on a plan for the new year.

Doyle Krieg shared that he was hoping to meet for Men's Breakfast in January but will wait due to increased Covid rates.

Ann Ambler shared that the Fellowship Team met last Sunday and is revamping their thinking of you list. The Fellowship Team is evaluating their purpose statement and looked through their team responsibilities to add some things that have been neglected. The Fellowship Team helped with Don Malone's celebration of life dinner and is helping Karen Rinehart with meals. The Fellowship Team is also providing weekend meals to Nan Ulrich.

Adrian Halverstadt shared for the Finance Team that he worked with Barb Derr and Becky Lyons to finish end of year reporting. SPFCC received extra funds from the Pugh Trust at the end of 2021. The Finance Team is considering what might make sense in the upcoming months for SPFCC when a CD it has expires.

David Morrison shared that the Worship Team continues to bring those in attendance and on the livestream closer to God through worship.

Jenna Strick shared that the Teaching Team met in December and will meet soon to see about providing something for SPFCC during Lent.

Andy Miller shared that the Missions Team is glad that the Samaritan Fund is being utilized by those who need it. SeniorPak had a celebratory thank you luncheon for SeniorPak volunteers recently that went well. Andy is touching base with the missionary families that SPFCC supports.

Megan Condry shared that the Children's Team continues to stay connected with kids and their families. All children's classes are now available on Sunday mornings. Volunteer scheduling for children's classes is going well. The nursery is being fixed by the Property Team. The Property Team will fix other problem areas in 2022. SPFCC children had fun during Advent and Christmas season offerings. SPFCC youth are using a winter subscription box, and the youth are hoping to watch a training time together. Homework Help just started a new semester. Currently there is a waitlist for the Homework Help program. Prayers for additional Homework Help volunteers are appreciated. Megan Condry will be submitting a letter of intent with United Way to continue receiving grant funds.

Pastor Adam Jones shared that Advent went well and was a fruitful time. Staff and SPFCC teams are working together to provide opportunities for congregants. Pastor Adam officiated two funerals in the last month – one for Don Malone and one for Melvin Cox. Both went well. Continue praying for Anne and Margie. Bible Study on Tuesdays is going well. Pastoral visits and pastoral phone calls are going well. A book study led by Pastor Adam and Jess will begin in February. Membership classes will begin in March on Sundays. Pastor Adam will reach out to those interested in membership class. Ash Wednesday is March 2. Pastor Adam is looking at what can be planned for Lenten season and will be meeting with the Teaching Team to discuss. Pastor Adam shared that he would like to begin a spiritual direction group this summer. There was some discussion about what would take place at the end of new member classes. Ann Ambler shared that the Fellowship Team would do a new member reception, and Pastor Adam agreed that will be great. Pastor Adam plans to take part in a spiritual formation class offered on four Fridays this spring in Fort Wayne.

Adam Myers shared that he is thankful for the church community and the many pieces that come together well as we use our gifts to honor God.

Andy Miller reminded SPFCC team leaders about the annual meeting on January 30th and that they should plan to share verbally for their team. Megan Engle reminded team leaders to share their team members, two or three celebrations from 2021, and two or three hopes for their team for 2022. This can be 30-60 seconds or so for each team leader. Megan Engle will send an email with this information about what to share at the annual meeting, as well. There was discussion about whether or not a lunch should take place following the annual meeting in light of the current Covid-19 pandemic. Other options besides lunch were discussed. Maybe a snack could be given to eat after exiting the building. Andy Miller will let Katie Schilling and the Women's Team know that SPFCC Council does not think it is wise to have a meal at this time but will suggest the possibility of offering a snack to go. The Annual Meeting will take place in the sanctuary and will be livestreamed.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.