

Session Meeting Summary
March 16, 2023

Beginning at 6:30 p.m., Pastor Katie opened the meeting with prayer.

Building Report on Fire Recovery: Phill Toops

Additional asbestos was found in the boiler room ceiling and the ceiling has been removed. Abatement is complete and will be moving equipment out tomorrow (Friday). Servpro to start the cleaning/restoration process on Monday March 20th. A check for \$995,973 will go into the church fire account to be paid to Servpro. 50% of this check will go to Servpro at the start of the restoration, then 30%, then balance on completion. Phil has the inventory lists. He has no idea what Servpro has so far as items cleaned etc. at this time. Pews still need to be cleaned. Also surfaces in Hagman Hall & Sanctuary etc. They will be bringing in additional equipment to reach the ceilings. Phil will contact Bruce Bannister about removing the old organ.

Boxed items removed by Servpro are marked room by room to see what was saved. Office area ceiling joists will need replacing & walls rebuilt. Flooring is now considered part of the building and will come from that account. Checking on sound equipment and TVs to see if can be negotiated as part of the building.

Kitchen roof has a leak that Servpro will repair. Also, there may be a few other items that Servpro may repair while working on the restoration. Church will be responsible for covering those costs.

Clerk's Report:

- ACTION: Approved Minutes of the February 2023 meeting and Email Votes of March 1, 2023 (approved Buckeye School to use the church van to see To Kill A Mockingbird at the Fox Theatre in St Louis on March 9th.) and March 10, 2023 (approved Buckeye School to use the church van for a field trip to Champaign on March 13th.) – The school withdrew their request after the vote.
- Since email voting has had a low response, it was recommended that the Clerk text the session members when an email is sent out letting them know to check their emails and respond.
- Discussed frequency of Buckeye School using the van. All were receptive to their needs but would like more advance notice. Admin/Worship and Building/Grounds committees will be working on policies that could address this. Per Tom, the insurance is okay as long as permission is given, and we do not charge them for using the van.

Membership: No Change

Treasurer and Finance Committee Report:

- Tom Henderson gave a financial review. Income – General Offering is down from last year but loose offering, per capita and special gifts are up. Expenses – There are several items on the credit card that need to be categorized yet by Debbie and are replacement items from the fire that will be reimbursed. There was no Schopmeyer funds given to the General Fund yet as in previous years. A question came up if we should be concerned for FDIC limits on one account with deposits from insurance since there has been recent news of a couple banks concerns. Tom thought it was probably safe but could be considered. ACTION: Accepted the financial statements after review.

- Schopmeyer committee is due to meet. They need to respond to paying The Cross and to reimburse the church for its annual amount to the General Fund. Tom estimated the amount to be around \$50,000 to include for The Cross \$10,000 donation, \$1500 for driveway rock, \$2500 for equipment rental and General Fund deposit (perhaps two payments).
- The Cross parking lot –Tim Schoonover recommends dragging the parking lot and he could spread the rock. There is an equipment rental close by and Ron Walls said he would be able to help. Kristen will give the estimate information to Ellen for the Building/Grounds committee to discuss and follow up. The committee does not need Session approval if out of their funds. Tom will discuss with the Schopmeyer committee and Ellen will contact Schultz from The Cross for approval.
- Bank Statement monthly review will be completed by Laurel Light. Kristen will discuss with Debbie in the church office to get Laurel access.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor Katie previously shared a Google.doc with the Committee chairs and Nancy Joslyn (PW) to share any announcements that their group wants her to make. Discussion took place on how to follow up.

Holy Week Services were reviewed. They include a Good Friday community service at 7:15 pm for about 150 people. The Cross covers the set up and Katie and Rachelle will cover the service including music.

Committee Reports

The next committee meeting date of the 1st Thursday of the month is Maundy Thursday in April. Each committee will set their own new date to meet rather than a date being set for them.

Deacons Report –

There were two in-home Communion given on 1/16/23 and 2/23/23 by Pastor Katie and assisted by Marge Lancaster and Lana Henderson.

Administrative & Worship – Roger Stevenson

- Communion was February 19 and February 22 (Ash Wednesday) and March 12. Next Communion will be April 6 (Maundy Thursday) and April 9 (Easter)

No meeting report – Committee did not meet.

Faith Formation – Kristen Schoonover

Summary of Meeting Notes:

- Kristen is following up on planning activities for the Kid's Club K to 5th grade. College Age/Young adult (18 to Twenties) will have a Game night at the Light's house on April 13th at 6:30 PM. Dinner club will meet at Rosati's in Sullivan on Saturday March 25th at 6:00 pm and El Rancherito on Tuesday, April 25th at 6:00 pm in the Sunroom.
- Chicks on Lit (Ladies Book Club)- Reading Necessary Lies by Diane Chamberlain for the March 20th meeting. We are planning for JOY (Just Older Youth 55+) Dinner and Axe Throwing. Also looking at dinner and axe throwing for the Xenials. Also discussed other ideas like Ziplining and hiking in Southern Illinois, Musical shows, events at the Winery, game night, and Skydiving.

- For Easter we are looking into Goody bags for the kids or a book to give them. No Sunday School on April 2nd or April 9th.
- Kendyll is continuing to work on VBS plans.
- We also began discussing items that will need to be replaced after the fire.

ACTION: Session Approved:

- Dinner Club at Rosati's on Saturday, March 25th 6 pm
- Dinner Club at El Rancherito on Tuesday, April 25th 6 pm.
- College Age/Young Adult (18 Years and Twenties)- Game night at the Light's on April 13th 6:30 pm.

Additional Session Discussion –

- When dinner club is sending out publication, the location of the restaurant would be helpful. Additionally, any childcare opportunity would also be appreciated.
- The committee is working on more family events for the summer.

Mission – Theresa Harner – Amy Hoffmeister Session Liaison

Summary of Meeting Notes

- Crisis Nursery – Megan from Crisis Nursery is looking at May to speak at worship on the services that they offer. Since we want members to be aware of their services before asking for donations, we will share their Wish List on the Sunday Megan speaks and then collect donations for the next four Sundays.
- Congregational Survey - The survey on mission priorities will be mailed with the Realm questionnaire.
- CASA Very Fancy Tea Party – There are two host tables in the works to be sponsored by our church. One table theme is “Under the Sea” and the other “Skulls & Roses”. One table is already filled and the other has a couple seats still available. We will promote the Tea Party at church and on Facebook for others to consider supporting.
- Mission Trip - Joe Freimuth is trying to reach a contact that PDA gave him in Kentucky to plan a mission trip for the end of June. Also considering clean-up at church.
- Kemmerer Village - Kemmerer Village is requesting volunteers to help with easter egg hunt preparations (about 2,000 eggs) on Thursday, March 23, at 10 a.m. We will plan this as a one-day mission trip. Carpooling will be available. If enough sign up, we hope to use the church van.

ACTION: Session Approved:

- One-day Mission trip to Kemmerer Village on Thursday, March 23, at 10 am, to help prepare for an Easter Egg Hunt. We would like the use of the church van if more than 4 sign up.

Buildings and Grounds – Ellen Ritz

Summary of Meeting Notes

- Committee received an update on the fire progress. Asbestos abatement has started. Check received for insurance coverage of contents (\$205,896.68). Discussion of how to follow Katie's request to prioritize items to replace in the church. Flooring that was purchased by PW & church will be used in some areas during the restoration.
- Maple Street sign broke off its welds and has to be repaired & rehung (done with no charge).
- Will decide on outdoor church workday & rain date at April meeting.

No Requests of Session Action

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- Pastor Katie encouraged everyone on Visioning – as the church building is rebuilt, think about what it could be instead of doing the same. Everyone should talk with their committees.
- Additional Building updates
 - JoAnn Wear and Karen Schmitz are working on the flooring.
 - The already purchased tile will be used for the two bathrooms, PW storage room, janitor closet, music room (including bathroom) and Rachelle's office.
 - Pew pads – we have one bid (about \$10,000) and working on getting another one.
- The youth picked up the sticks in the yard and it looks so much better.

Stated meeting adjourned with closing prayer by Pastor Katie at 7:45 p.m.

Next meeting will be April 20, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.