September 20, 2016

Faith Council meeting minutes

Present: Deb Hornell, Pr. Jim, David Petersen, Greg Johnson, Ted Flores, Rob Herbold, Jane Stroh, Deb O'Connor, Lenore Klausner, Lois Bates

Absent: Craig Warner

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by President Deb Hornell. Ted Flores opened the meeting with prayer.

We welcomed our new intern, David Petersen. We shared information about ourselves and our expectations for him.

Pr. Jim led a discussion on Chapter 1, Weird Church. This reflects our work with Year of Discernment. We broke into groups of 2 to discuss two questions: What are you most afraid of and what gives you hope and/ or excited about with the changes in the way we worship and the church .

Read Chapters 2&3 for October. Books are $16 .

Rob made a motion to approve the minutes from August. Motion seconded by Jane. Motion carried.

Correspondence: a letter of appreciation from The Glen Ellyn food pantry for financial assistance.

Financial report—see attached. Greg also shared preliminary projections for 2017

Old Business

a. Ron Guastaferri has agreed to be the property chair, starting in October

b .Pr. Jim and Deb shared the outline for phase 2 of the Year of Discernment, “Holy Disruption”. During phase 2 in October, we will imagine, Improvise and Innovate. Discernment involves seeking God’s will, listening through Scripture and prayer and being open. Deb reported that her presentation about Holy Disruption went well. Attendance was good with open sharing. We continue to ramp up for Faith’s 70th anniversary celebration.

c. Council time lines—Council members were asked to submit tasks and dates needed to Greg. He will compile the information into one document. This is due by October 4.

New Business

Pr Jim explained the “We are not afraid” sign in the front yard. This was placed by World Relief as support for immigrants and refugees in our community. Jane will write an article for the DOVE.

Staff Reports

Senior Pastor—report received

Faith Ministries

Worship—report received

Communication—report received

Service—report received. Negotiations for the Peace pole as presented by the Creation Care team are underway. This will take six months to complete.

Property—no report

Stewardship-no report

Faith Formation—reports received from Pam Voves and Jen Bradbury

Administrative—the electrical rate has been negotiated. Ted is reviewing preventative maintenance plans for the heating and cooling systems. He will have more detail in October.

Announcements and reminders—next meeting is October 18, 2016. Refreshments and opening prayer: Deb Hornell

Evaluation: aargh!, Holy Spirit, spirit wind, feel the love, spirited, playful, enthusiastic, moved, anticipation

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm and closed with prayer.

Respectively submitted,

Lois Bates, Council Secretary

Three things as follow up from last night:

1.     Holy Disruption selfies attached – “council selfie” is to post from a computer; “council-mobile selfie” is to post from your phone. iPhone photos show right side up for mobile apps, but are upside down when posted from computer.

2.     HD-Evite link. When you invite your 5-10 friends to Holy Disruption, please include this generic link, <http://evite.me/MsMDct8YFr>. After you’ve RSVP’d, you can write a note or attach a photo (selfies, anyone?)

3.     Council Description/Timeline: Please send your brief ministry description and your critical tasks/dates to Greg Johnson by **10/4**. Word or Excel version are fine, as Greg will transfer everything into one spreadsheet.

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