

Church Council February 7, 2023

Location: Wesley Hall

Start: 7:02pm

- **Call to Order:** Dick Eisenbarth
- **Opening Meditation, Breakout and Discussion:** Pastor Britt/ Missy/ Jeff
 - First of several concentrations where we will work on the spiritual discipline of listening to God and taking some time to pause before engaging in discussions about new ministry emphasis. 1. Lectio Divina listening to Scripture 2. Reflection and Response Time, focusing on questions around the first part of our Mission Statement – Love of God.
- **Committee Reports:**
- Approval of the charge conference meeting minutes- approved (Motion: Rick Thomas, Second: Jeff Hayes)
- **Committee and Ministry Reports:**
- Finance: Johns Lewis (attached)
 - Approval of the 2023 Church Budget- approved (Motion: Rich Clark, Second: Jim Clark)
- Generosity: Jeff Hayes/ Elaine Goleski
 - 193 total pledge cards submitted
 - 75 members increased giving
 - 43 new pledge members
 - 1.3 million was 2022 goal, but got to 1.1 million but tax savings made up

- Trustee: John Hougendobler (attached)
 - Charter School Proposal Discussion-
 - Someone voiced opposition, as Great Hearts is a charter school, and they do not support charter schools
 - There can be no faith-based topics brought up within the school, as it is funded by the state
 - We can set up a time for church council members to voice concerns and ask questions, in an informational meeting, possibly with people from Great Heart who would come and speak as well
- Staff Parish: Scott Maynard
- Nominations Report: Mike Overton
- Wellbeing of Both Campuses Report:
 - Pastor Britt: Ash Wednesday leading into Lent and then Easter
 - Paula Coker-Jones:
 - Upward basketball bringing in many families and much excitement
 - Confirmation class's attendance exceeded expectations
 - Youth groups and children's ministry seems to bring in someone new every week
 - Youth and children's choir increased significantly within just one year
 - Chris Conway:
 - Accessed more grants
 - Increased attendance to 170
 - Expansion? Rooms 303 and 304 may be added

- Traditional Kindergarten room- for those students not ready to move on, especially with the effects Covid-19 has induced
 - Library and Stream room- half religious focus and half engineering/ arts
- Andrea Vrtikapa:
 - New kitchen volunteers for dinners
 - Re-starting up greeters at eleven o'clock service
 - Re-started parking lot ministry
 - Wednesday classes growing
- Pastor Jeff:
 - Longleaf- began with the hit of a pandemic and then disagreements over the church's denomination, but coming to life once again as every week, it transforms from a school to a church family. Church Core Leadership team has met last month and identified three goals:
 - Strengthen bond with Freedom Crossing Academy
 - Re-envisioning children and youth ministries at Longleaf and within the community
 - Create a new and improved marketing plan for 2023
- **New Business:**
 - "If any other new business arises during our meeting, our plan is to table this for consideration at a future meeting of the Church Council"
 - Charter School Workshop Follow-Up
- **Upcoming Dates:** Pastor Britt

- February 18th - MUMM brown bag breakfast
- March 26th - Rise Against Hunger Packing
- **Next Council Meeting:**
- Charter Schools Discussion and Decision: February 28th
- Formal: March 20th
- **Adjournment:** Dick Eisenbarth
- **Closing Prayer:** Pastor Jeff
- **Close:** 8:40pm

Sincerely,

Riley Hayes Secretary