

Colonial Church of Edina

6/19/2018 Council Meeting Minutes

Fireside Room 7pm

Present: Moderator Dick Primuth, Vice Moderator Pat Peterson, Treasurer Jason Phillips, Secretary Elliot Wachter, Amy Stark, Jon Hobbs, Jane Wilson, Pat Peterson, Kresti Lyddon, John Seaberg, Terese Reiling-Holden, and Dave Dustrud.

Also present: Jeff Lindsay and Jessica Kruger. Cathy Rodland participated by phone.

Absent: Senior Minister Daniel Harrell

Call to Order: Meeting convened at 7:00pm

Opening Meditation and Prayer: Pat Peterson

Bathroom Remodel Update: Amy and Jessica provided an update on the bathroom remodeling project. They visited DesignWise in White Bear Lake to review the possible materials to be used along with prior work done at a hotel. The head designer and an electrician have been to the church and they provided three design options with floor plan. Color samples were presented at the meeting, and remodel changes were discussed. DesignWise indicated a quote will be provided on or around 6/23. Design Wise has been advised of the not-to-exceed \$75,000 goal, and the quote will be emailed if over materially over \$75k for further discussion.

Discussion re Organ Repair Proposal with Cathy Rodland (via phone): Dick indicated he was guiding a process to explore repairing and upgrading our pipe organ that was originally started in 2017 when Mark Stover was our Minister of Music. Dick provided a draft of written information on the process of repairing the organ, history of the organ, the details of the proposal submitted by Orgues Letourneau, and the importance of the organ to our church, and asked for comments on this document. He indicated it was important that a written version of information to be verbally shared on 6/24 in a "conversation" following morning worship would be available for those who could not attend.

Cathy spoke for several minutes about the history of the problems with the organ and history of requesting the detailed proposal from Letourneau. One issue raised by Letourneau is the condition of the leather wind chests, and, if not they are not in good shape, how this might add an additional cost of \$150k over the next five years, but Cathy explained she did not see this as a major expense for a number of years, partly because of the installation of a humidification system a few years ago.

A question was raised about the difference between what we have versus what we are getting, Cathy responded that we will be getting a rebuild, not a repair, with changes to some pipes and replacement of other pipes. As rebuilt, the instrument should last for 20 years or more. Buying a digital organ versus a real organ was discussed, and Cathy explained a digital organ delivers a recorded sound, while a real organ is air going through pipes and makes original sounds. Cathy also explained combining a digital organ with pipes makes it difficult to keep the two instruments in tune. John and Terese asked about the age demographics of organ verses other options, Cathy gave the example of kids at St. Olaf wanting to learn about organ playing. It was clarified that organs are typically not used in supporting a contemporary style

service. The current deadline is July 1st to get slotted in the schedule for later this year but they may have some wiggle room on this deadline.

After the call ended with Cathy, Jeff led a discussion around the future of the church based on the organ repair, contemporary versus traditional. The organ is a center piece in the meeting house. If not repaired, it will be like a broken-down car in the front yard that folks ask about. Terese added that the price is a shock and may not be relevant to worship post reforming. For some, the organ serves the history of the church and a subset of members, but is not a modern-day outreach tool. Jeff provided history of the second service which has averaged 150 people or less, build it and they will come is not always true.

Dick provided options on a way forward to a decision, including distributing some information to those interested from the congregation. Simply stating that the council is considering this proposal. Dave stressed the importance of transparency of the process to make clear that leadership in the decision not asking for member opinion when a decision is already made. Dick indicated he was currently inclined to poll council after the 24th asking each council member send a note about their perspective of the organ by July 1. Discussion was had about potentially voting via email once all the information is collected. John asked that the purpose of the organ material be stated and that this has been a big decision for council (i.e. history and market value of organ).

Additions/Corrections to June 19, 2018 Council Agenda: none

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: 05/15/18 (supplied with agenda): Motion to approve from Kresti, seconded by John, all in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Jason Phillips: Jason proposed based on time to have a budget 101 next time and Jason asked for questions from council ahead of time.

- May 2018 Financials: Large airfare hit this year versus last year, only one month.
- Review of Fund 2 accounts: Delayed to next month.

Upper Room Lease Extension: Expired end of May and continues month by month. Dick requested council approve renewal of the Upper Room lease for one year. Amy moved motion to extend lease one year, Jon H. seconded, all approved.

Moderator's Report: Dick Primuth

- Senior Minister Report Items (Admin Change; June 5 staff retreat): Staff retreat related to reforming to align church services and starting to think about what the future looks like.
- Roof Repair Update: final \$458,600 bid was provided, and extras Eric asked for amount to \$150,000 to \$200,000.
- Possible Tractor Purchase for Outdoor Maintenance: Current tractor's transmission needs to be overhauled at a repair cost \$7k, but Eric found a used tractor for \$10k. Dick asked for a motion to approve, motioned by Amy, seconded by Kresti, all approved.

Vice Moderator's Report: Pat Peterson

- Proximity Project Update: One meeting was had to improve the exterior of the building.
- Rescheduling Leadership "Picnic" from July 24th to 8/15th along with an all church picnic on 7/18th.
- Update on Communications Initiative: Kristen Geer to help with an integrated advertising and starting with a communication audit.

Discussion of Outcomes from the Visioning Retreats led by Jeff Lindsay and Sara Willem Garbers:

A document to brief council on the outcome of the ReForming retreats was handed out to review, one from Jeff and one from the TAG, and Council was briefed on the team that has been pulled together to represent the congregation at large. The Core Values developed were reviewed: Welcome Beloved, Risk Together the Messy Path of Following Jesus, Wrestle with the Tensions between God's Word and World, Immerse in Sacred Rhythm, Space and Experience, and Do Good for Christ's Sake. Additionally, the strategic priorities - breath in and breath out items were provided and discussed. The goal is to infuse our core values into all aspects of Colonial's life. Helpful in making decisions. The plan is to roll out September 9th and rollout using the tools being developed. Jeff shared the importance of activity outside of worship to grow develop and serve the community. Council members were encouraged to read Growing an Engaged Church and its ideas were broken down chapter by chapter in a handout provided by Sarah.

John Brower, a long-time member, shared his gratitude for the work Council is doing around ReForming and his perspective on the life of the church community.

Closing Prayer: Pat Peterson

Respectfully submitted,

Elliot Wachter