

Jackson Community Church  
Council Meeting Minutes Via Zoom  
September 13, 2023

**Attending via Zoom:** Rev. Gail Doktor, Dawson Winch, Jan Chernick, Joanne Turner, Sandy Louis, Cheryl Pizor, and Meg Phillips.

**Opening:** Meeting was called to order 7:05pm

**Approval of Council Minutes**

- Motion to approve July Council Meeting minutes – all approved

**Treasurers Report:**

- Jan Chernick reviewed the financials and all seems to appear as it should with income and expenses.
- We have not spent funds from guest musicians yet. Do we pay them or are they volunteer? The Dellavalla group volunteers. Should we do special music prior to Christmas such as a Bluegrass Sunday? Dominique just had a baby so she might not be able to commit to Christmas this year.
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**Other Business:**

- **Sprinkler System:** The Sprinkler system has been partially resolved. The broken compressor has been replaced but we are still concerned with leaks from any small holes that could be in the aging pipes.
- **LCHIP:** We have still not received the final LCHIP funds as the sign still needs to be completed.
- **Governance and Leadership:** (Gail)
  - It has been great having a larger group to help with input.
  - The teams are going to be tasked with reviewing the recommendations from the Governance and Leadership Team and offer their feedback. We will have to remind teams to put it on their agenda.
  - A concern was brought up questioning if the deacons were large enough to split into 2 teams and to split the leadership roles.
  - Wondering what long term thinking means when it comes to council – could it be 3 months, 6 months, 1 year or 2 years ect.
  - Our goal is to generate energy within the teams.
  - We will need 4 new leadership roles including Moderator and 3 lay leaders.
  - Wendy suggested rotating positions, Dawson suggested 6 month terms – seasonally. Meg felt that the positions would be longer term in order to have a consistant board and a smaller group to help move things ahead. Sandy agreed that if boards change too often things will not get accomplished. Maybe have long term and short term members.
  - We will need to create an adhoc Nominating Committee in order to bring this to the Annual Mtg.
  - If it is presented as a work in progress people can still offer input.
  - Jan volunteered to do a draft survey as long as we agree to use the information that is obtained.

The final half hour was an exercise on what the church means to us and how it all fits together.

The meeting was adjourned after 8:30. (My Zoom connection was lost before the meeting was finished.)

Submitted by Joanne Turner