

# February Council Highlights



*By Cami Jacobsen, Council President*

## **Reports**

### **Financial**

The year-to-date net income is \$31,000 better than budget. Total revenue is \$45,000 better than budget; offerings are \$51,000 above where we were at this point in 2023. YTD expenses are also up \$14,000 to-budget due to increased property maintenance.

### **Pr. Jason**

The Lent theme, “Hymns of Our Faith,” has been well received along with the hymn bracket. The Mark Bible studies are being presented three times per week and are being well attended and enjoyed. The youth are putting on “FLC’s Got Talent” as their fundraiser for summer camps and trips.

### **Executive Committee**

Randy Olawsky is working on updating the payment request forms for the restricted accounts. He coordinated a training session for the board chairs on Monday and will have one-on-one meetings as needed.

### **Capital Campaign**

The current Capital Campaign projects include asbestos abatement, new flooring in the Gathering Room, Control Room update to the HVAC system, and the new sound systems in the Sanctuary and Chapel.

### **Discussion**

Capital Campaign projects were discussed, specifically which projects Council should move forward with. Two important projects were suggested: Welcome Center restroom remodel and Sanctuary entrance remodel. It was decided that a subcommittee be formed to discuss this further and that the restrooms at the back of the sanctuary be also looked at. A motion was made and approved to rehire Architecture Incorporated to create new plans to renovate the Welcome Center restrooms and Sanctuary entrance.

The Awareness Campaign has \$50,000 earmarked in the annual budget. The goal of the campaign is to welcome 20-30 families to the congregation as pledging members to financially justify an un-pausing on the third pastor call process. It was brought up that this could include the “Next Big Thing” subcommittee that informally formed after the 2023 Council Retreat to review the possibilities of a daycare or music school. An Awareness Campaign subcommittee was formed to move this forward.

### **Other Business**

A new insurance policy has been received and signed. Our old property insurance premium was \$30,000, and the new policy is approximately \$37,000 if paid in-full.

The parking lot will be getting a facelift in the spring. The project will cost \$30-40,000 to reseal, restripe, re-level low spots, and replace worn sections. There is a match for the parking lot fund to encourage further giving to this project. Donations to this project will be greatly

appreciated.

The two new, replacement Council members, Eric Severson and Karon Gubbrud, were approved.

Val Peters asked each Board to consider how they could help with the Sidewalk Arts Festival. The Evangelism and Outreach Board needs more volunteers to be committed to justify signing up for a booth again this year.