

Asbury United Methodist Church Council

Minutes of August 17, 2021 Meeting

7:30 PM via Zoom

In Attendance: Council members Elizabeth Tawil, Anne Haas, Nancy Cody, Nancy Beers, Karen Beer, Owens Walker, and Jen Karsner.

Open in Prayer

Nancy Beers opened us in prayer.

Minutes

We approved the minutes from the July 29, 2021 meeting.

SPRC

Owens reported that we are still looking to hire a church administrator to replace Sherika. If we don't have someone soon, we are looking to use a temp agency so that Pastor Jen will have time to orient the administrator before her sabbatical.

Vicky Starnes will be covering as pastor during Jen's sabbatical. SPRC is developing a position description for her.

Preschool

Karen reported that the preschool is still hiring since they do not yet have all staff required for school opening. With the forgiveness of the PPP loan and an additional grant for re-opening schools, the preschool should end the fiscal year with a surplus.

Finance

Nancy reported that the PPP loan was forgiven and that the favorable giving variance is holding and that we have sufficient unrestricted reserves.

Pastor

Pastor Jen reported that the letter about Vincent Dominick was sent and that she had a few calls from parents asking for more information and asking about protocols. No one has expressed concerns about anything that happened while Vincent was employed by Asbury.

A group including Pastor Jen, Dan Haas, Jackie Britton, and Natasha Flannigan is working on developing COVID protocols to address what our response will be to a few of the most likely COVID scenarios while Pastor Jen is on sabbatical, particularly with regard to any closings of the preschool.

Church Conference

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to the church conference forms. We completed the Congregational Profile and the Discipleship Ministries form. Nancy Cody is taking care of the arena data entry and preparation of the meeting packet. Worksheets are due to Nancy by August 27.

This year, we have decided to omit the ministry leader reports that we had usually asked for but are not required by the conference.

Our church conference is scheduled for September 12 after church.

Next Meeting

We will meet September 23 at 7:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Cody