

TGS ADMIN MEETING Minutes

February 13, 2024 Tuesday 3:00 pm

Member Present: Rick Irvin, Richard Himbury, SuEllen Shaw, Kathy Babcock, Randy Mayer, Doug Syme, Dennis St. John (via zoom)

Guests: Linda Sielken, Mike Nagle, Connie Aglione, Mike Day, Margaret Kofron, Ellie Hutchinson, Amy Dillemoth

Randy prayed our opening prayer.

Mike Nagle gave a comprehensive report on the past, and present activities as well as the future plans of the Mission, Service and Justice Team. Some discussion centered around a possible sheet drive for LaCasa. A suggestion was made that the Women's and Men's Fellowship groups might wish to support the MSJ Team's Sheet Drive, since their Estate/Patio Sale funds largely go to support various missions. Mike emphasized the effectiveness of the MSJ team and thanked the members for their support during his and Margie's leadership.

Connie and Mike Day presented an Environmental Justice Projects Report and Proposal for FY24-25. The Copper Cord and Cable Recycling project is progressing. A proposal for a Climate Emergency Shelter is under development. SuEllen moved that the EJT continue to explore and develop a cogent plan for such a shelter to present in the future to the congregation. Doug seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The minutes of the January meeting were approved.

Rick presented the Treasurer's Report for January 2024: Gross Income for January was \$44,501 and Total Expenses were \$54,816 for Net of (10,314). The undesignated cash position of the Church as of January 31, 2024 was \$183,157. This total of \$183,157 includes \$26,678 in Undesignated Memorials and \$90,279 reserved for Long Term Maintenance. Also contributing to the good cash position is \$24,106 in 2024 Pledges that were pre-paid in 2023.

Richard presented the Finance Team's proposed budget for the coming year. He moved for approval from the Admin Team, basing that approval on faith that the balance between income and expenses will emerge. Doug seconded the motion. The motion passed. Currently, there is a \$32,000 deficit between pledged income and known expenses.

Dennis in reporting on Facilities noted the new door installation is at least 3 mo's out, the table and chair order for the Redman room is pending, and there is a fire alarm check pending.

Old Business

The Taizé leadership discussion/decision was tabled. Kathy appointed Linda, Clare Renoux and Ellie to explore further ideas for Taize Worship.

Amy updated the Team on the status of the Pictorial Directory: Leslie DeGrassi has made the progress she can setting up the directory online. Taking and processing the pictures remains the challenge. Margaret offered to coordinate picture taking in some form yet to be determined.

New Business

Dennis had two requests related to the SFB. One was regarding FRC signs. The Admin Team approved their positioning. The second was a request that TGS sponsor a table at a fundraiser, which the SFB-CRC is having. Action on that request was tabled, pending more information.

Website backup is needed. Margaret offered.

Pastors' reports

Randy noted his vacation this past month which included a trip to Antigua where he was able to deliver money contributed for the school. He continues his visits/ work at the border, but deplored the increased presence and harassment of local self-appointed militia groups and the conflicting orders from Border Patrol and Samaritans try to give aid. He emphasized that our Security Patrol on Sunday mornings is still necessary. He recently had an article published in the Arizona Republic. Scout Sunday went very well and he thanked Dennis and Margaret for their coordination of that event. Plans for the Mazatlan and Rocky Point trips are in place.

Ellie is getting acquainted with the congregation and feeling more comfortable. She discussed the work she has been doing with Clare on Taize. Much of her time has been spent with the Care Team or on Care Team activities, helping them develop further the many areas of their service: the Meal Train, a Care Sunday, the Grief Group, Amigo outreach, etc. She has introduced the Team to several resources that might be helpful to them. Ellie is doing a Lenten Study, involving both a book and Bible study.

Ellie offered the closing prayer.

The next Administrative meeting will be March 13 at 3:00

Respectfully submitted by,

SuEllen Shaw, Secretary

Next Administrative meeting: March 13, Wednesday 3:00

Closing prayer