

St. Peter's First Community Church Council Minutes
November 9, 2021

Members present: Ann Ambler, Megan Condry, Megan Engle, Adrian Halverstadt, Adam Jones, Doyle Krieg, Andy Miller, Adam Myers, David Morrison, Katie Schilling, Jenna Strick

David Morrison called the meeting to order. Andy Miller opened the meeting with prayer.

Jenna Strick introduced Mike Stone, a consultant present at this meeting to explain how he might be able to help St. Pete's with strategic long-term planning. Mike Stone gave a description and overview of his services. He explained that he will help St. Pete's clarify who St. Pete's wants to be by asking questions, going deeper, etc. The approximate cost for his services would be \$2,500. He would likely use a 6-8 question survey to the congregation as one of the starting points for gathering information. The process with him would probably consist of three to four meetings. Mike will wait to hear more from the SPFCC Council about whether or not St. Pete's would like to move forward with his services. Mike Stone left the meeting.

There was some Council discussion about the services Mike Stone can offer to SPFCC. There were positive initial impressions by Council members. It was suggested that another consultant be brought in so that the SPFCC Council can hear what resources a different consultant may be able to offer. After some Council discussion, it was decided that Megan Engle will contact Linda Buskirk with Buskirk Solutions about the possibility of coming to the December 14th meeting to present her services.

SPFCC Council minutes from September 2021 and October 2021 were approved.

Adam Myers shared that some SPFCC members and Property Team members attended an energy audit meeting. St. Pete's has signed up for an energy audit program that will hopefully save St. Pete's 25% over three years. New goals for the Property Team are fixing the wall in the Young Explorers room, possibly working on new windows for efficiency, and maybe working on new steps inside the Etna Avenue doors.

Jenna Strick shared that the Teaching Team has an Advent devotional available for individuals and families to pick up to use throughout the Advent season. The Teaching Team will meet on Thursday to review results from a congregational feedback survey.

Ann Ambler shared that the Fellowship Team is working with Megan Condry to offer an opportunity for crafting ornaments for Love INC on December 5th. The Fellowship Team will have a cookie decorating event on December 11th from 10 a.m.-noon. They will be using Dianna Whitesell's sugar cookie recipe. The Fellowship Team has discussed the possibility of having fellowship time after worship services again. Janice Smith is having health issues and other congregants are dealing with health issues. Sally Morrison has been sending cards to those in our congregation experiencing health issues.

Adrian Halverstadt shared that the 2022 proposed budget is finalized. Year to date giving is strong even with extra expenses incurred. October giving was great.

David Morrison shared that the Worship Team is settling into a groove with Pastor Adam being here at St. Pete's. Liturgists will be involved at the beginning of worship services. Pastor Adam will handle the end of service and everything after the sermon. If there is anyone interested in singing on Sunday mornings, please let the Worship Team know. SPFCC continues to offer a mix of contemporary and traditional music for Sunday morning services. It was shared that there has been some feedback that the congregation isn't singing as much or as loudly as a part of the services. The hope is to get congregants singing during worship songs during services.

Doyle Krieg shared that the Men's Team may begin meeting again in January. The Men's Team has been coordinating the socks and underwear drive to make these donations to Love INC. If there are other needs, please let the Men's Team know.

Andy Miller shared that the Missions Team will be helping coordinate the ingathering this month with the children helping carry goods forward in the sanctuary during service. During Advent, one of the missionary families SPFCC supports will light the Advent candle via video.

Katie Schilling shared that the Women's Team is coordinating the greening of the church on November 21st. Katie is working on recruiting a few men to set up the Christmas tree in the sanctuary on the 20th. Katie asked if it is possible to livestream the worship services to the tv in the overflow room since the Christmas tree will be in the way for those in the overflow area to see the pulpit. There are two upcoming weddings at SPFCC. Barb Derr did a walk through of the church building recently with interested wedding hosts so that the interested hosts could be prepared for what is needed during a wedding ceremony and as part of hosting for a wedding.

Eva Webb will be removing snow on the SPFCC grounds this year.

Megan Condry shared that things that have been done are continuing with the SPFCC kids. This coming Sunday all four children's classes will be open during worship service. Kids will still worship together with families on the first Sundays of the month for communion. The video by kids last Sunday was a hit. Ezri Shafer's dedication happened last month. Next month, Orion Bender will be dedicated. Megan shared that she is gearing up for a busy Advent season. Resources are available for families. Advent wreath making will take place on November 28th. Crafting making will take place on December 5th. A Happy Birthday, Jesus! Party and a Christmas movie event will also take place. Kids will help with the ingathering. The youth got a subscription box that will be used with youth girls soon. Homework Help is going well. There is a lot of interest in the program, and there is a waiting list. The Missions Team is helping provide funds for HAT rides for a Homework Help family. The Homework Help students did well upstairs while carpeting n Fellowship Hall was being finished. Please pray for more adult volunteers for Homework Help. Homework Help participated in the United Way Trunk or Treat a couple weeks ago.

Pastor Adam shared that he will be changing his schedule to take Thursdays off work instead of Fridays. All Saints' Day service went well. There will be a pastor care worship on November 14th. It will be kid-friendly. This workshop will cover how to care for one another well and brainstorming ideas for doing so. Advent and Christmas planning are happening. Progress is being made on decorating Ol' Henry. An energy stewardship team is being assembled. A new member class will be offering in March. Visits are going well, and Pastor Adam is meeting more people connected to St. Pete's. Megan Condry will be preaching on the 21st. It was mentioned by Council members that all happenings, including those of the Pastor, need to flow through one of the ministry teams.

Covid-19 guidelines and impacts: Once Huntington County reaches a point of being yellow or blue for two weeks in a row according to the Covid-19 dashboard report, masks will not be recommended during worship services. Until then, masks are recommended during worship services.

The SPFCC Congregational Meeting will be held on November 21st. David Morrison will lead the meeting.

The 2022 proposed budget will be available this Sunday, November 14th.

Celebration: Jess Jones is starting a new job and will be working at McKenzie's Hope soon!

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.