

Saint Matthew
Congregation Council Minutes
Tuesday, November 11, 2019 at 7 PM

President Mark Hearn called the meeting to order 7:03 p.m.

Members present – Frank Anders, Karen Ball, Gail Dutcher, Art Fabsits, Mark Hearn, Gary Klintworth, Therese Long, Pastor Tim Philips, Dave Rower, Bill Stark, Sherry Whitmarsh

Absent: Donna Noonan

Guest: Jessica Kelley

The minutes were approved as presented.

Art and Jessica presented on the Nominating Committee process of looking for members of Saint Matthew organizations such as Saint Matthew Foundation and Church Council. Nominations are as follows:

Nominating Committee	Phil Gomez
Jessica Kelley	
Art Fabsits (Council ex officio)	Saint Matthew Foundation
Donna Noonan (Council ex officio)	Renate Schaumberg
The ex officio are not elected	Jim Kohl
	Celeste Seibert
Council	
Bill Stark	Synod Assembly
Karen Ball	Jenny Hammond
Ross Heil	Jeanette Drew
Gian Schauer	

Pastor Tim and Bill Stark met with Mission Beyond Saint Matthew (MBSM) to discuss finance and the process of how requests come to the team.

Financial report shows Saint Matthew running a negative balance (-\$85,830). There was discussion about to increase the giving amount. The initial pledge response has been pretty good. There was discussion of getting people to turn in pledges as well as increase pledge amount. There is a need to have a CPA once a month to close the books. Kathy Frattini is doing the check writing. The office and facility administrator job description was discussed and will be sent to HR committee for review.

Staff reports were reviewed. There was discussion of the Children’s Ministry search committee. Sherry Whitmarsh will create a request to get members of the search committee.

MBSM proposal:

Advent Gift Opportunities:

- Wings As Eagles Coat Drive
- Gift Cards for foster children and families through Help One Child and YEAH

Christmas Offering:

- \$4000.00 for the orphaned and disabled (Capernaum) kids in Krasnodar Russia
- \$4000.00 to Children’s Rescue Mission, Honduras, for much needed food and supplies after recent disasters in area
- The balance to MBSM restricted missions account for requested support from mission members during the year that aren’t in the church budget.

M/S/C Sherry Whitmarsh/Bill Stark - Accept the MBSM proposal for advent gift opportunities and Christmas offering

The council will give each staff member a gift card and time off over the holiday. The office will be closed from December 25 – January 1 but staff would still be paid over this time. The gift card will be the same amount as last year.

There was discussion about Pastor Jackson start date and Pastor Tim’s end date.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry Whitmarsh
Secretary