

Minutes

BMC Church Council

DATE

2/12/26

IN ATTENDANCE

Paul Classen (joined by phone), Karen Cox, Bruce Fast, Susan Graber, Douglas Minter, Becky Neumann, Ezra Tice

REPORTS

Treasurer:

- We appreciate the quick narrative that Bruce provides along with his monthly reports.
- Bruce sent the financial report. We're behind by \$12K, but had some large donations. Our short fall expense versus income won't be as severe at the end of Feb, since our expenses will be lower this month.
- Doing some organizing to better keep track of renter payments.

Deacons

- Shared in their report what they discussed with Randy before he left. Meeting again on 2/20.
- They will reach out to Gus to see if we can help him come to church. He may be in church on Sunday.
- Always happy to hear things from people.
- Should we maybe see if current small groups want to extend for another year? Deacons can discuss.

Admin

- Attendees were supportive of an admin office spruce up. \$1000 is one month's salary, so that can be the office spruce up budget limit.
- There were paint samples in the pastor's office, per Karen.
- Bruce can donate some binder clips. Can buy Sharpees.
- Probably best not to put announcements in the bulletin asking for office supplies. Frugal Susan can personally ask people if she has some needs, or buy things.
- Best case would be to hire the interim pastor before we hire for the new admin.
- Bruce and Karl should be involved with re-organizing the storage room.
- Piano offer likely fake, will not pursue it further unless we hear back from her.

Search Committee

- Committee is working with Amy, who is in touch with some potential candidates.

Misc

- Affirmed to have a potluck, on 3/1.
- Bruce will work with Steve V to figure out the Zoom set up for next time.
- Next month we can talk about the ongoing time for the council meeting.
- Karen probably won't be an ongoing part of these meetings—wanted to be here through the initial transition. If we need her, call her. She'll stay on the distribution for now.

Karen closed with a prayer.

NEXT MEETING

Thurs, 3/12, 5:00, BMC/Zoom

--Susan Graber