



## Congregational Council Organizational Meeting Minutes

Date: July 23, 2020

Time: 6PM

Location: Zoom

Attendees: Pastor Dan, Rachael Wentworth, Dave Slowinske, Pastor Korla Masters, Pastor Laila, Gina Gertner, Sharon Krueger, Allie Olinger, Rhiannon Johnson, Jen Lambrecht and Aaron Stromley  
Absent: Nick Cauley and Jeff Taxdahl

President Slowinske **called the meeting to order** at 6:00 PM

**Approval of Agenda and Minutes from June 2020 meeting:** Allie Olinger made a motion to approve the June minutes and was seconded by Rhiannon Johnson.

**Spiritual Practice** - lead by Pastor Korla

### Items of Business

- **Beacon** update was provided by Pastor Korla. Families moving forward (FMF) continues to have a relationship with Beacon to house them during the COVID-19 pandemic.
  - Our next hosting opportunity is in October.
- Pastor Korla update the council on **Prairie Point** (a low income housing development in Shakopee).
  - It has had some wins with city development in moving forward.
  - Council was asked to think about what our capital commitment/donation may be towards this project.
- Pastor Korla updated us on the **Stewardship Visioning Team**.
  - Pastor Korla is looking to develop a team of lay people in the congregation to develop and articulate what our theology of stewardship statement is.
    - This will lay the ground work and develop a structure for our stewardship work going forward.
- Pastor Dan reviewed **June financials**.
  - SOLLC is 14% over budget in giving!
  - Investments made for the rest of the year include:
    - Promoting David Ross to technical director
    - Hired a summer intern to work with Carolina Start in marketing with a focus in on-line work thru December 31st.
    - Hiring a full time child ministry leader.
  - Justin Rimbo was interviewed and hired to replace Josh Gafga. He is to start at the end of July.

- Karolina, Pastor Laila, and Pastor Dan lead a discussion on "Building a Story Brand" and what that process looked like and how we can use it as a church. The goal is to come up with a story that everyone can rally around.
  - Having a "story" for different areas of our church will keep us focused on our mission despite the type of ministry involved.
- Karolina provided the council with a communications update:
  - The team has been very focused on our social media Facebook presence. What they are learning and how to use that information to better extend our reach and come up with strategies to continue their work.
  - Reviewed the branding guide for SOLLC and our various ministries.

Next meeting: August 13th, 2020

Meeting adjourned