**COUNCIL DELEGATES & OFFICERS PRESENT:**  Cody Church, Jerry Bertelson, Dick Dawson, Jeff Scott, Carol Woltzen, Alex Montgomery, Doreen Fry, Michael White, Karyn Montgomery, Katie and Ivan Ortman and Eric Tieszen. **A Quorum Was Present**

**COUNCIL DELEGATES & OFFICERS ABSENT:** Sarah Woltzen, Lindsey Mehlbrech and Larry Nebelsick

**ELDERS PRESENT:** Alex Montgomery

**ALTERNATES PRESENT:**

**STAFF PRESENT:**

**VISITORS:**

**MODERATOR:** Rev Jerry Bertelson

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** Cody Church

**DEVOTION AND OPENING PRAYER:** Jeff Scott

**\*APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Michael White made a motion to approve the September 24, 2023, agenda as printed. Carol Woltzen seconded the motion. Council VOTED and approved the agenda.

**\*APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Eric Tieszen made a motion to approve the August 27, 2023, minutes as printed. Alex Montgomery seconded the motion. Council VOTED and approved the minutes.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Bylaws-The proposed changes to the bylaws will be presented to the Council for approval at the November 2023 Council meeting.

Committee is working on the policy for Security and Safety and will bring a proposed policy to the Council for approval at the September 2023 Council meeting.

**TRUSTEES:** Rent on the land was updated. The trustees toured the parsonage, which needs a new garage door and storm door, which will cost around 2500.00. Blackburn basement and foundation came out and looked at the wall in the Sunday school room which needs to be lifted. They gave us an estimate of 14,706.66 dollars. Jeff Nielsen is getting ballpark quotes on signage. The committee would like councils’ opinion on what is needed for the sign. The bushes by the south door will be trimmed after they lose all of their leaves. The committee is working on getting their budget proposal together for the finance committee. Also, the committee is going to have Mark Glanzer check out the furnace before winter.

Submitted by Jeff Scott

**STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE:**

Stewardship and finance report 9/18/2023

Committee met on Wednesday, September 13th with all members present along with Doreen Fry.

Reviewed Balance sheet and Budget vs Actual reports.

Discussion on placing some of our reserve money in short term CD’s. Committee decided to place some of reserve in various amounts in short term CDs of 3 to 6 months.

All new construction money will be placed in its own line item and any money that has been received in past will also be moved to this line item. Expenditures that occur will use the church’s committed money first ($125,000).

Bathroom and kitchen remodel and flooring was $6899.65. Thanks to Trustee comm, Kathy Hofer and Janine Nielsen for their work on this project.

A 3-year land contract was updated with Cordell Hofer. Pasture: 24 acres @ $70 per acre and Tillable: 94 acres @ $235 per acre, with a total of $23,840 per year cash rent.

**Budget request for 2024 are due by October 16th**. Receipts from committees is expected for all expenditures, please place name and committee on receipts.

Finance next meeting is Sunday October 15th for review of 3rd quarter and Sunday November 5th for establishing budget for 2024.

Submitted by Dianne Dawson

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| **FUND** | **Aug 1, 2023****BALANCE** | **DEPOSITS** | **DISBURSEMENTS** | **Aug 31, 2023****BALANCE** |
| **General Fund** | 246,156.45 |  |  | 249,986.61 |
| **Capital Improvement** | 39,729.54 |  |  | 35,614.29 |
| **Special Services** | 7,941.96 |  |  | 7,464.96 |
| **Music-Choir Fund** | 124.25 |  |  | 124.25 |
| **Scholarship Fund** | 41,234.53 |  |  | 40,734.53 |
| **Riverside Cemetery** | 11,681.23 |  |  | 11,681.23 |
| **Memorial Funds**  |
| **Undesignated** | 8,837.91 |  |  | 8,837.91 |
| **Library** | 311.60 |  |  | 311.60 |
| **Music** | 2,065.15 |  |  | 2,065.15 |
| **cd #4878** | 4,649.93 |  |  | 4,649.93 |
| **Horse Camp** | 4,516.61 |  |  | 4,516.61 |
| **TOTAL MEMORIAL FUNDS** | 20,381.20 |  |  | 20,381.20 |
| **riverside cemetery upkeep** | 789.78 |  |  | 789.78 |

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:** no report

**WORSHIP AND MEMBERSHIP:** no report

**PASTORAL RELATIONS**: PPR committee met on Sept. 17th. Members present:  Cody Church, Katie Ortman, Morgan Gerken, Carol Woltzen, Pastor Jerry Bertelson. Absent:  Deb Kuhler, Mark Jerman.  The committee met and reviewed Pastor Jerry's evaluation.  All committee members agreed that Pastor Jerry is doing an excellent job and we will continue to dialog with him on his proposed goals, and how we, as a committee and congregation can assist in moving toward achieving those goals.  The committee is working on updating Pastor Jerry's terms of call and will have the salary package recommendations submitted to the finance committee by Oct. 16th.  Pastor Jerry reported to the committee on staff evaluations that were completed. Pastor Jerry met with each staff member and feedback was given.  There were no major concerns expressed by the staff and Pastor Jerry gave an overall good, positive working relationship with Karyn, Doreen, Michael and Starlyn.  Pastor Jerry has been having monthly staff meetings, which has improved communication and planning.

Submitted by Carol Woltzen, PPR Chairperson

**WORLD OUTREACH**: no report

**UWS:** UWS met on Sept. 17th following worship.  Golden Age Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday, Oct. 1.  A $500.00 donation will be sent to the Children's Home Society in conjunction with available matching funds.  Preparations are underway for the annual Turkey Supper to be held on Wed., Oct. 18th, 2023.  Ticket prices will be the same as last year:  Adults--ages 11 and up: $11.00; Children-- ages 4-10: $5.00; Children under 3--free.  Carry-outs and delivery--$12.00.

 Submitted by Carol Woltzen

**MEMBER AT LARGE:** no report

**ELDERS:** no report

**COMMISSIONER TO PRESBYTERY:**  Oct. 27-28--Presbytery meeting at Camp Rimrock.

 Submitted by Carol Woltzen

**LAY MEMBER TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE:** no report

**EXPLORATORY COMMITTEE:** no report

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE:** no report

**PASTOR’S REPORT:**

September 2023

 “…being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to

completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”

-Philippians 1:6

 Below are a few ministries notes from September:

* Hosted two premarital counseling sessions
* Celebrated in-home communion with three church members in September
* Met with Rev. Rebecca Trefz, UMC Dakotas District Superintendent, on September 14
* Hosted a confirmation informational meeting on September 17
* Prepared for adult Sunday school class in the Fall
* Delivered to large print Bibles to GSS Canistota nursing home residents
* Hosted Commissioned Ruling Elder meetings once on September 21
* Prepped for and began new sermon series on the Gospel of Luke on September 10
* Led worship w/communion at the Good Samaritan Skilled Nursing Facility in Canistota two times (September 12 & September 24)
* Made seven hospital visits, four home visits, three nursing home visits, numerous text messages and phone calls, and continued preaching, teaching, and leading worship.
* Attended online Storytellers for Family Leaders/Parents workshop on September 22
* Assisted two community members with financial / relational needs
* Assisted a church member with a car-related need
* Continued participating in community activities (Canistota Lion’s Club, Canistota school board, Sioux Falls Children’s Choir board, Commissioned Ruling Elder commission for SD Presbytery) & attended school activities (volleyball games, football games, coronation, and homecoming activities)
* Attended weekly(ish) book discussions with three pastoral colleagues in Sioux Falls
* Participating in weekly Scripture Circles hosted by Dakotas UMC (studying the 10 commandments)
* Facilitated a celebration of life memorial service for a nursing home staff member on September 12
* Participated in Doctor of Ministry practicum course on Tuesday evenings (completing Doctor of Ministry degree Fall 2024)
* Met with director of a listening ministry called Befriender Ministries to discuss partnership and training
* Met with Jordan Bruxvoort, director of the Naomi Project in Sioux Falls, to discuss
* Met with director of Hope Players (320 Ministries) to discuss potential for partnership in helping distribute music players to homebound and elderly in our community
* Met with American Baptist missionary Kristy Engel as part of her Missionary Partnership Team to discuss her ongoing missionary work (September 20)
* Attended ResGen Men’s Lunch in Sioux Falls with Brad Schroeder on September 21, 2023
* Facilitated Commissioned Ruling Elder continuing education event at First Presbyterian Church in Mitchell on Saturday, September 23
* Ongoing personal support: met with spiritual director and therapist

Discussion

* The Gideons have requested to share about their ministry during the service in October or November and receive a freewill love offering

Upcoming in October

* Golden Age Sunday on October 1st
* Dustin Mehlbrech will be sharing in worship on October 1st
* Will be on PTO October 8 & 9 (attending Vikings / Chiefs game with father)
* Prison Ministry at 1 pm on October 11
* Turkey Supper on October 18
* Trunk or Treat?

A special thank you to the Christian Education community and Susie Schroeder and all who helped with Kickoff Sunday and Shine kickoff. It was a delight to witness so much energy and excitement!

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor Jerry

**APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Dick Dawson made a motion to approve the committee reports. Ivan Ortman seconded the motion, Council VOTED and approved the reports.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Eric Tieszen made a motion to adopt the policy for security and safety with changes to paragraph 3 and 5. Jeff Scott seconded. Council voted and the motion was approved.

**UPCOMING FOR NEXT MONTH:** Rehearsal on Oct 13th with wedding on the 14th. Turkey Supper will be on Wednesday, Oct. 18th.

**NEXT MEETING: October 22, 2023** at 7:30 PM Elders will have opening devotions.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Carol Woltzen made a motion to adjourn. Dick Dawson seconded the motion, Council VOTED and adjourned.

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Cody Church

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