

Congregation Council Update – June 25, 2019

The Congregation Council met last Tuesday night. I am here to give a brief report of the discussions and actions taken at this meeting.

Concerns regarding mobility up and down the stairs to the altar were discussed by the Council. President Les Aasheim will ask the Buildings & Grounds committee to explore the possible options that might be available.

Pastor Robin reported that we have the ability to print larger print versions of the hymns as needed. Let one of the pastors know if you would like more information about this.

Pastor Chris discussed the proposed Wednesday evening schedule for the fall. A 30 minute family-friendly worship service is to be incorporated . More information about the schedule will be published in upcoming editions of the Windsor Window.

The Easter Seals coordinator met with WHLC staff to brainstorm ideas that may work for projects and collaboration between our communities, including participation with Vacation Bible School and Paint Pound and Praise.

Two listening posts sessions have been held to date. The council persons who participated in those sessions shared summaries of comments collected. An additional session will be held July 21. The council is scheduled to make a final decision about the “one worship service on Sundays” proposal at its July meeting.

A \$750 gift was received from the Chin Baptist Church. The elders of the church are proposing a pattern of more regular gifts; they also again expressed their gratitude to the WHLC for providing worship space for them.

An additional gift was received from another group utilizing the facility. They suggested the gift be used for maintenance of the facility.

The Council accepted both donations and acted to establish a permanent fund for these and future gifts; amounts in the fund will be used as Council directs with an emphasis on the buildings and grounds.

Linda Russell reported the excitement around Vacation Bible School. Sixty-five children have registered to date. The good news – teachers are needed; please volunteer.

Pastor Chris reported on a session for “turning point” held in June at the synod offices in Iowa City. Several progressive ideas prompted by the WHLC turning point volunteers have been implemented at WHLC during the past year. Many one-on-one conversations were held; these were found to be fruitful discussions. Next, the WHLC team will revisit conversations with community stakeholders.

As always, detailed financial reports are available in the church office. These monthly council reports and approved council minutes are posted monthly on the church website.