47 people in attendence

Called to order by Ryan Snodgrass with Devotions & Prayer

* **Motion** to Approve the minutes from December 2018 congregational meeting. **Second. Carried.**
* **Pastor’s Report**: Rick Lindholtz
  + Miles is graduating this year and ElenaClaire is getting married in about 5 weeks.
  + Grateful for healthy and mature Christian leadership on the church council.
  + We saw the conclusion of Jim Ahlberg as our chair after 6 years on the council. I am extremely excited to see Ryan Snodgrass as our new chair and what this season will bring.
  + We will return to the Old Testament after Easter. Most likely Moses & David.
* **Bread of Life**: Alicia
  + We have gone through some big changes this year. With prayerful consideration we are still trying to be the hands and feet of Jesus.
  + The video that was made has proven to be an excellent ministry tool.
* **Preschool:** Jill Huber
  + Right now the classes are full and are registering for next year. We only have 20 spots open for 2019/2020 school year.
  + We’re going strong and we’re happy.
  + 3 yr old m/t is $75. 4yr old w/th/f is $115. We have not raised our rates in several years.
* **Properties:** Ryan Snodgrass
  + 135 maple is ready to be rented and we have a few prospects
* **Congregational care:** Nancy Lyon
  + Trying to get everyone’s information updated. If you haven’t seen the card please fill it out.
    - Will be putting out a new directory
  + Anyone interested in being a greeter at the door please let Nancy know
* **Financial report:** Gary Pals
  + Balance sheet is showing the income of the money from the sale of the land that was used to purchase 135 and make repairs. The line item that used to be land is now included in the rental properties.
    - Some of those funds were used to reconcile our pension fund. Our pension fund is now fully funded. Our building fund still has roughly $7,000 left over after that
  + The money we received for the impending siding work from insurance is also included in being moved from building fund into general fund. $12,000.
  + Profit & Loss: we had a pretty good year we were only about 1% off from meeting budget.
  + We were over budget on: the payment on the health insurance, we don’t have anything budgeted for electronics and we needed to replace the office copier, the insurance siding money which was deposited until we start the work and need to pay for it.
  + Our operating expenses were actually $219,000 which was less than what we had come in. we said were going to spend $223,000. There are a lot of items that we didn’t spend as much on as we thought we were.
  + We have built in a 3.5% salary increase for July contingent on our giving performance in 2019
* **Vitality Team:** Jeff Huber
  + Last year we did the VERITAS seminar, which was a wonderful start to the vitality process that we are doing. Our goal is to be a healthy missional church that is pursuing Christ and listening to the call of the Holy Spirit.
  + This team consists of Dean, Brent, Ed, Bill, Cathy, Jeff.
* **Old business:**
  + We will be putting new siding. However we are waiting until spring to do the work
* **New Business**
  + **Goals:** 
    - Prayer ministry by Sept 2019: like this morning where we had people available to pray after worship
    - Welcome ministry by June 2019: geared towards new people. Need people who want to participate in this.
    - Monthly church family event by March 2019: intentional opportunity to spend time together outside of church building. If you want to host a month talk to Tammy of Yvonne
    - Participate in at least 3 community outreach events in Byron, Stillman, and DJ by the end of 2019. This takes people stepping up to volunteer for these events
    - Establish a team of June 2019 to build a master facility plan in 2020: this team needs volunteers to help plan.
  + **Motion to approve these goals. Second. Carried.**
  + Request that the council schedule the business meetings for the remainder of 2019 at their next meeting.

**Motion to adjourn. Second. Carried.**

Respectfully submitted by

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