

# Concept Minutes of Council Meeting December 14, 2022

**Devotions:** Rob Tams read from 1 Corinthians 1: 10 “I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no division among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgement.” Which talks about how a church that is united in the gospel will be a healthy church. This does not mean we will not have our differences in church and we always will not agree with each other. If we put Christ first and come to church not thinking about ourselves but on how we can build each other up, we will be able to worship together in unity.

## Highlights from the Council Meeting

- **Pastor’s Reports:** Pastor Brian spoke how he was able to finalize and submit his second paper of the year and has a sense of relief that it is done. Will be wrapping up Advent on Christmas. Met with many people from the Congregation. Catechism is going alright. Hope to offer a new members class in the New Year. Would like to open a discussion about how different elders’ visits would look like and experiment with other than home visits. My parents and sister are coming for Christmas.
- **Worship Committee Report:** Pete Boes preaching is lined up till January 28, 2023 when Pastor Brian is away. Looking for an Advent candle lighter for Christmas.
- **Director of YEC and Outreach:** James talked about the Greeters list and how to increase this. Discussion was had that everyone should be on it unless stated they do not want to. Wants to work with Jason to update the Website. Recommend getting vehicle insurance for travelling for youth events. Catechism is going well feedback is well received. Wants to connect with emerging Adults in our church.
- **Refugee Update** have collected \$20,000 everything good with this family. 2023 is the next time possible have the money ready for when they call. Committee looking for approval that we will give the \$50,000 for a refugee family form Afghan family. Brent Hamilton made a Motion to move forward with the Afghanistan refugee family. Jeff Smith Seconded everyone in favor and Carried.
- **Topic for Congregation Meeting** was open for discussion to think about what topic we should have. Should we try experimenting with different house visits i.e., Potluck with your district or supper visits.

On behalf of Council: Brent Hamilton, Clerk