

MEETING MINUTES – CHURCH COUNCIL

August 7, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Mark Torno, President

Keith Thelen, Vice President

Sarah Chase

Lu Graeber

Andrew Haugen

Nick Klemisch

MaLynda Kramber

Curtiss Moe

Rebecca Myers

Loree Jeffers, Cong. Life Coord.

Pastor Annie Langseth

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Pastor Annie shared an opening prayer.

AGENDA ITEMS

Approval of June 2019 Meeting Minutes

- The minutes from our previous meeting were reviewed.
- A motion was made by Sarah to approve the June 13th minutes. Second by Andrew.
- No discussion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Approval of Treasurer's Report

- The report as distributed was reviewed.
- A motion was made by Nick to approve the treasurer's report. Second by Andrew.
- Discussion:
 - It was noted that giving was up from July of last year; however, we are in the negative \$15,588.98 for the YTD.
 - Loree shared that the Scholarship CD was reinvested (\$8,322.59 at 1%); nothing different was done and nothing was taken out. We had enough funds for scholarships this year and the passbook account is now \$3,000 less from when this report was originated.
 - It was noted that the church supper fund was not allocated to anything. The decision was made to keep the fund as is for the time being.
- Discussion concluded and the approval of the treasurer's report was put to a vote. The treasurer's report was unanimously approved.

Pastor's Report – Please see attached

Congregational Life Coordinator's Report – Please see attached

Old Business

- *Endowment Fund* – There is nothing to report at this time regarding the creation of an Endowment Fund.
- *Breeze Software, Online Giving, and Pew Cards* – Several people have switched over to Breeze from Give Plus for their online giving. Progress has been made in the development of pew cards for those who give online as a way to participate in the act of offering during worship, but they have not yet been finalized.
- *Church Cleaning Day and Meal* – A church cleaning day has been scheduled for September 22nd following worship. Lu is organizing cleaning tasks for the day and Social Action is planning on serving a meal fundraiser for scholarships with the help of the seniors in High School.

- *Property Projects* – There are several property projects we need to begin to tackle. Discussion was had on whether we should concentrate on raising funds for one project at a time or multiple projects. A decision was made to ensure the congregation is indeed aware of all of the upcoming projects, but to also prioritize the projects and work towards them one at a time. The prioritization is as follows:
 - *Trees* – Trees behind the church need to be cut down to prevent snow from piling up on the church roof. Keith shared that he has been in conversation with a contractor who will clear trees for \$5,000 provided there are people from the church who can assist. It would be a two-day-long project to clear seven to ten trees along the church building itself and we would need at least four to five parishioners to help. An informational poster will be posted in the narthex noting the \$5,000 goal. We hope to address this project by the end of this fall.
 - *Roof* – We have received a couple of quotes from ABC Seamless for a new roof; one for an asphalt roof (\$144,000) and a second for metal roof that looks like shingles (\$260,000). The metal roof would have double the life span.
 - *Parking Lot* – \$150,000 quote
 - *Carpet* – No formal quote has been received at this time.
- *Mowing Compensation* – Loree shared that we have received a notice of services per hours for lawn mowing, but no monetized bill. Curtiss agreed to follow up with the Majeres to clarify if payment is per hour or per time mowed and the amount agreed upon.

Committee Reports

- *Worship* – Please see the Worship Committee Meeting Minutes for more information.
- *Property* – No report was shared at this time, but Loree informed Curtiss that there are wasps in the brick blocks—particularly by the far east door of the church. A question was raised about a plan to finish the ground by that same far east door. Loree shared that Shannon Jeffers has offered to finish that space with crushed cement, rocks, or pavers. Pavers would cost about \$500 for materials and he wouldn't charge for labor. A motion was made by Nick to give Shannon approval to finish the space with crushed cement and be reimbursed for materials. Second by Lu. The motion was put to a vote and unanimously approved.
- *Social Action* – Please see the Social Action Committee Meeting Minutes for more information.

New Business

- *Webmaster* – It would be helpful to have someone who can assist in keeping the website current. It was suggested to post a call for help in the newsletter; Pastor Annie will submit that post.
- *Living Wall Pictures* – Faye Seidler has offered to take pictures the first two weekends in October (the 5th through the 6th and the 12th through the 13th) to update our Living Wall in the hallway outside of the church offices. Church secretary, Pat Larson, will keep track of a sign-up sheet and contact those members who haven't signed up.
- *Congregational Council Survey* – The WND Synod sent out a link to an online survey to be completed by church councils across the synod by the end of August to assist in the process of electing a new bishop at the 2020 WND Synod Assembly. The council completed the survey during the meeting.
- *Paper Directory* – A desire to have a paper directory in addition to the online directory has been expressed and a question was raised as to who to include in this paper version. Mark noted to begin by using the newsletter list and that he would help further filter that list. We should be able to format the list easily for printing in a booklet style and it was suggested to begin with printing 30-40 copies.
- *Hangout Room* – Rebecca has been working on furnishing a room for 3rd through 8th graders to have space to hang out in. She has received numerous donations and has only spent \$100 in total. Nick shared that if we need books that the old White Shield library has a number of books leftover for giveaway; Rebecca will look into that.

- *Welcome Pamphlet* – Lu shared that she and Dennis Ness are beginning to work on an informational pamphlet to welcome new people and inform them of opportunities within the life of the church.
- *Fellowship* – There's a need for fellowship servers, especially so that we won't be using disposable products. Discussion was had to perhaps offer training for those who haven't done it before, so that they feel more comfortable; or to pair "veteran" fellowship servers with "rookie" servers to help acclimate them. We will take those ideas back to the Fellowship Committee.
- *Treasurer* – Our current treasurer, Lisa Haugen, has accepted a new job and will be resigning as treasurer. Holly Klemisch is a candidate to replace Lisa; pay is \$12.50 per hour and the current budget for treasurer is \$1800 for the year. A motion was made by Lu to approve the hire of Holly as the treasurer at the \$12.50 per hour rate. Second by Sarah. The motion was put to a vote and approved; Nick abstained from voting.

Strategic and Future Planning

- *Next Steps:*
 - Develop drafts of job descriptions for paid staff by the next council meeting.
 - Budget planning for the 2020 fiscal year will begin in October.
- *Constitution Update* – The proposed update to the church constitution is posted on the church council bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 8:57 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, September 26, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting minutes submitted by Pastor Annie Langseth in lieu of Laura Bright who had a scheduled absence from the meeting.