

## COUNCIL MEETING

January 14, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: Lynn called the meeting to order at 6:03.

ATTENDANCE: Lynn, Dave, Beth, Stacy, Teresa, Jason, Jane, Linda, and Pastor Jim. Frank and Vicar Luke had been excused.

NON-COUNCIL MEMBER: none.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motioned made to approve agenda as printed Jim/Stacy MSC.

DEVOTION/TREATS: Lynn.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PROPERTY- Dave stated that there continues to be heating problems. The circulation pump for the sanctuary failed.

He continues to flush lines and to work on basement ceiling project.

Nonworking thermostats were replaced.

New electrical outlets were installed behind the counter in the storage room.

CYFED- Linda reported that Pastor Jim has agreed to lead the First Communion classes and to provide pulpit supply for First Communion and Confirmation Sundays.

WORSHIP- Vicar Luke's last Sunday will be February 23. There will be a potluck supper after the service.

Ash Wednesday, Lynn has spoken to Judy from the Carlton Presbyterian Church and we may have service with them. Pastor Morreim is currently providing their pulpit supply. Pulpit supply and Wednesdays Lenten services. Pastor Jim will do one service a month and may be able to do more. May be able to do some videos on Wednesday night.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Motion to accept the report as printed Jim/Beth MSC.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion to accept the report as printed Jim /Jason MSC.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

Pastor Jim gave us information about the elections for a new bishop for our synod.

The election will be in May at the Synod Assembly. We can send 2 delegates and at this point we have had one person volunteer to go. It will be in a Duluth this year. Delegates from BLC will be decided at our annual meeting.

Vicar Luke had given Lynn a check list from the 10th grade class. They have been discussing energy conservation and recycling. They took a walk through the church and saw some areas that they thought might need some attention. The council discussed the items on the list. It was decided that Linda will talk with them regarding recycling and how they might be involved with making some changes.

We will also ask if they would like to write an article about recycling to be put in the church newsletter.

OLD BUSINESS:

Teams for monthly activities – Linda stated that they are on hold at this time.

New church directory – Deb spoke with Creative Edge and they should be able to work on the directory. Deb will give them a sample of our most recent directory.

New website – Deb's son does not want to be involved. Need to ask some of the younger people in our congregation.

Negotiations between the Executive Committee and Vicar Luke- Vicar Luke decided not to accept the salary, benefits, and compensation package that was presented to him by the Executive Committee. The council decided via email that February 23 will be Luke's last day of service at Bethesda.

Call Committee- Will discuss at the annual meeting the possibility of calling a pastor. The 2020 budget includes calling a 4 year pastor.

Lynn has approached the Carlton Presbyterian Church about possibly combining some services.

Pastor Jim explained that at Salem in Mattawa he is contracted for 10 hours a week and the other person, who is a Vicar, is contracted for 20 hours per week.

If we were to form a transition team they could look at working with other churches.

Stacy will put together a form to be filled out at the annual meeting to give us information as to whether or not the congregation would be willing to consider:

Full time, half time, share with another church, LGBLQ, and possibly other options.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sheri Herman would like approval to use the sanctuary for School Chorus practice.

It would be held on Saturdays from 10 until 12:00 starting January 25 through March 14, with a performance on March 15. Motion to approve use of sanctuary with the understanding that a church event will take precedence over the chorus practice Jim/Deb MSC.

Annual Meeting- The scheduled coffee group will provide coffee and treats.

Linda will let Bobbie know to add a line regarding input forms on the Annual Meeting Agenda.

Presbyterian Church/Lenten Services-Lynn gave us information in her report from the Worship Committee.

Monetary gifts were given to church employees/volunteers, Office manager, custodian, pianist, and worship leaders at the end of Dec.

THANK YOU: Council gave a verbal thank you to Teresa and Jason for the time they have been on the Council.

NEXT MEETING: Feb 11, 2020.

EXECUTIVE MEETING: Feb 4 via email.

DEVOTION/TREATS: February-Deb, March- Jane.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn the meeting Jason/Dave 9/10 approved the motion at 7:12.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Newlon, Council Secretary

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