

COUNCIL MEETING

November 9, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: Lynn called the meeting to order at 5:37

ATTENDANCE: Lynn, Dave, Pastor Seth, Frank, Deb, Stacy, Beth, Jane, and Linda

NON-COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion was made to approve that agenda as printed Jane/Beth MSC.

DEVOTION: Stacy

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PROPERTY: Dave - Still only one boiler running but we have plenty of heat. The door on the Hwy. 210 entrance is rotting at the bottom left corner. This issue will be addressed. The seats on the toilets in the women's bathroom are loose. This issue will be addressed.

CYFED: Linda - working on an activity for the youth to do since there is no Middle School Gathering. After the Wednesday Advent service there will be an opportunity for the whole congregation to work on a service project for the memory care unit at Interfaith Care Center. This will start December 1. There are only two more classes left for the six through ninth grade Faith Formation.

WORSHIP: Lynn- We will be starting communion up at the rail with individual elements on Sunday, Nov.21. Covid protocols will be followed to ensure safety. Prepackaged communion elements will also be available. This same format will be used for Wednesday night Advent services which start December 1. At this time Christmas Eve services are scheduled for 4 o'clock and 8 o'clock.

An average of 135 people listened to Sunday service online in October.

The Visitation Team will be at Interfaith Care Center this coming Sunday for service. Council members and other congregation members are welcome to join them for this service.

On the fourth Sunday of each month we will have Recognition of Baptism.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Motion was made to accept the Secretary's Report as printed Beth/Frank MSC.

Correspondence - None.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Frank was wondering what the item labeled congregational consulting service was for. Lynn explained that they called us to tell us they might be able to get us a refund from the federal government due to Covid. We paid them \$1000 and they were able to get us a refund of \$12,387.

Frank noticed that under accounts payable page 1 the payroll withholding seem to be too low for the total salary of all of our employees. Nina and Frank discussed this on the phone. Nina explained that the church only pays for the secretary and the janitor. The pastor pays his portion out of the salary that we give him.

Pastor was wondering what Work of the People is. He states that he gets mail from them but doesn't know what they provide to us. Linda will check with Wendy to see if this is for an item that is used by CYFED.

Motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report Frank/Deb MSC.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

Mutual Ministry Committee - Pastor talked to Rollie Bockbrader at the Synod about this committee. Pastor was told that normally this committee is not set up until the pastor has been with a congregation for 6-12 months.

Pastor is working on who he might choose to be on this committee. Members should be encouraged to bring any concerns that they have to the pastor.

Ron and Betty Peterson both have Covid. Ron is in the hospital and Betty is at home.

Gordy is doing better he is now walking some and Lil is also doing better. They are both at home.

Pastor has done a number of visits with various members of the congregation. He's also done visitation for Grief and Life Change Issues and marriage counseling for a couple getting married next year.

Judy Olson's great grandson will be baptized this coming Sunday.

Pastor CJ from Zion is working on National Youth Gathering for the Synod.

OLD BUSINESS:

Light on south east corner of parking lot- Linda reported that it is now working.

COVID Protocol- Pastor reported that we need to be at 35 or less cases per week before it is safe to unmask.

NEW BUSINESS:

TOPS - Lynn reported that this group is using the fellowship hall at 8:30 on Tuesday mornings. Linda reported that they stated everything is going very well and she reminded them to let us know if they are having any problems.

Congregation Consulting Service- Lynn stated that this company had been used by us in the past to get some refunds from the government. They called us because they knew that at this time we might be eligible for a refund due to Covid. As mentioned above we paid them \$1000 and they were able to get us a \$12,387 refund. Lynn will check our constitution to see if the council is able to decide how we use this refund or if we need to have a congregational vote.

May put some of the money in checking but would probably be best to put most of it in our LCL account as this would get us more interest and the council is able to transfer money from that to our checking.

Deb will get information from the Salvation Army of the needs of 20 families that would benefit from Christmas gifts.

THANK YOU: None.

NEXT MEETING: December 14, 2021 at 5:30

EXECUTIVE MEETING: December 7, via email

DEVOTION NEXT MEETING: Beth

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made at 6:29 to adjourn the meeting Stacy/Jane MSC.

Closed with THE LORD'S PRAYER .

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Newlon, Council Secretary