

Council Meeting

June 12, 2018

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Lynn called the meeting to order at 5:45 as we were waiting for a quorum.

ATTENDANCE

Lynn, Dave, Teresa, Pastor Mary Fiel, Beth, Linda, Stacy, Frank, Deb.

QUORUM established with above members and Jason arrived once the meeting had started. Ryan, Jane, and Nevada had given notification that they would not be able to attend.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Lynn suggested that we discuss the possibility of changing the meeting to 6 o'clock. Motion made by Dave/Frank to accept agenda with addition as noted MSC

DEVOTION - Pastor Mary

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PROPERTY- Dave has been working on LED lights. Lockbox will be put on work schedule. Coffee maker up and running. One of the pews had a broken support which Dave temporarily repaired

CYFM- Linda Reflection supper was held on a Wednesday night and a Sunday night. We used a prayer labyrinth of tape on basement floor. This worked fairly well and the evening was appreciated by those who attended. Blessing bags are going to be put together by the youth once needed items are collected. Meetings are being held by those people who will be in charge of the preschool classes for daycamp.

WORSHIP TEAM- Lynn - sermons on Facebook. Joel and Christie are working on the technology to make this happen. Name tags will be made available at the last service of each month. Working on boxes for prayer request and suggestions. Piano repair has been done by Mike Roemhildt and Pastor states that it is sounding much better. The Sunday of Carlton days is possibly going to be a Healing service. We may use a polka CD for a Polka format at that service or on a different Sunday in July. Service by the bike trail will be in August with River of Grace providing music. Discussed the possibility of once again having a service at the church on the lawn. This will be discussed at Worship Team meeting.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Motion made to accept Secretary's report Stacy/Beth MSC.

There was no correspondence

BOOKKEEPER/ACCOUNTANT

REPORT:

The \$806.98 Office expense on the February report was for repair, parts, and labor on the copier which we can no longer contract for.

The corrections that were needed for the April Bookkeeper/Accountant Report have been made. Please see corrected copy.

May Bookkeeper/Accountant Report

Page 1 in the April report showed 4 savings accounts. They have been transferred out to other accounts as noted below:

Seasonal Variance Savings- was closed and the amount transferred to the General Fund.

Capital Outlay Savings-transferred to Property, may now be able to replace the two exterior doors that are rusting out.

Community Outreach Savings- \$61.24, Page 8 shows that this was transferred to the General Fund.

Youth Savings- \$925.59 was transferred to the General Fund.

The money from the Meatball Supper went to the General Fund. The money from the Meatball Auction is going to the Endowment/Memorial Fund. This doesn't show in the May Report but it will be corrected.

The Synod Intent payment was made for April. This is 8% of the envelope giving each month.

On page one under Long Term Liabilities the Church Equity amount is not a liability. Frank informed us that it is used as a balance.

There is still a question about the Current Balance which is on the back page. Nita and Sue are working to correct this. Payment to Portico, for Pastor Mary, is being paid but it looks like a negative due to a reimbursement issue.

It was suggested that the line item of Organ /maintenance, on page 5 under Worship expenses, be renamed to Musical

Equipment maintenance.

Charge for fire safe – Lynn had spoken to Sue Coady who stated there are items that need to be in a safe or a deposit box . The deposit box would be a monthly charge. The fire safe was purchased.

Motion made to accept May Bookkeeper/Accountant Report with changes as noted, Frank/Beth MSC.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Reviewed emailed report

Pastor has put a new class in the Faith Formation schedule for the fifth grade. It will be starting in December and will deal with generosity/stewardship.

The prayer retreat went well.

OLD BUSINESS

Addition of new amendment to our written constitution-Linda reported that Bobbie has emailed Pastor Rollie the proposed format of the amendment. Printed copies will be available once it is approved by Pastor Rollie.

Fire safe- Lynn stated it has been purchased and it will be stored in the church office.

Wedding Policy

Frank thought the security deposit should be higher in case the key isn't returned or there is one damaged.

It was suggested that the lost key issue should be addressed in our Property Policy. Motion was made to change the security deposit amount in the Property Policy to \$250, refundable after key is returned, to cover possible need to re-key and to remove the lost key charge. Motion made by Jason/Dave MSC.

At the last meeting the council decided that our current wedding policy addresses the issue regarding who can officiate at a wedding in our sanctuary. It was agreed that the Pastor has the final say as to who is allowed to perform a wedding at our church. Linda reported that she has heard from a community member that it was a personal decision of Pastor Mary Fiel to not allow an online ordained person to officiate at a wedding at our church. The Council decided to change Bethesda's wedding policy to the one that was emailed to us by Pastor Mary Fiel. The wording of this policy indicates that who is allowed to officiate at a wedding is not a personal decision of the Pastor but is the congregation and Synod's decision. (see attached policy)

Council retreat– Pastor suggested maybe doing 2/year. One should be soon after the annual meeting to allow council members get to know each other. Possibly have at least one of the retreats at Oldenberg House.

Jason stated that Ryan had contacted him to ask the council if we want the copier that Ulland Brothers has. It was decided that we will not use that one as our main problem with the one we have is that it does not fold and the one they have also does not fold.

Council discussed the possibility of going to a different format of the bulletin in order to eliminate the need to fold it.

Frank will discuss this with Bobbie and report at our next meeting.

The newsletter also is folded but at this time that is being handled by the Beacon crew of volunteers. Updating our current membership list might allow us to decrease our printing and postage costs for the newsletter. Our active membership number is also used to decide the quorum for annual meeting and the amount that we pay towards VLM.

NEW BUSINESS

We will do an email sign-up list in September.

THANK YOU - The Worship Team will be sending a thank you to Mike Roemhildt as he donated some of his time for piano repair.

NEXT MEETING it was decided that the council will not meet in July so the next meeting will be August 14.

It was decided it is not necessary to move the meeting to 6 o'clock so meeting time will continue to be 5:30.

DEVOTION/TREATS Teresa and Dave will decide who is going to bring treats and do devotions in August

EXECUTIVE MEETING Aug.6. Per email.

ADJOURNMENT 7:41 Motion to adjourn the meeting Dave/Deb MSC.

Respect fully submitted by

Linda Newlon, Council secretary