

Council Meeting

August 14, 2018

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

Lynn called the meeting to order at 5:33.

Quorum established

ATTENDANCE: Stacy, Jason, Ryan, Lynn, Dave, Jane, Teresa, Nevada, Frank, Linda

ABSENT: messages were

received from Pastor Mary Fiel, Deb Davis, and Bethany that they would not be able to attend.

NON-COUNCIL MEMBER: Debby Johnson

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion to approve agenda, with addition that a meeting was held with Waddell and Reed, Jason /Stacy MSC.

DEVOTION: Dave

PROPERTY: Dave

Lockbox for the church key has been installed. Bobbie has combination and key. A check for \$250 made out to the church must be received before the key is made available. Once the key is turned in and if there is no damage to the church the \$250 deposit is returned. The code will be changed each time the key is going to be given out. Lynn will check details with Bobbie, especially where the code will be kept in case someone other than Bobbie needs to use it.

New cordless phones have been installed. It is believed that a church member donated the cost for this project to be done.

CYFED: Linda

The schedule for Faith Formation for the coming year has been worked on and it includes a new class on stewardship. Wendy Mitchell compiled a pamphlet with the education schedule. It is available in the entrance to the sanctuary.

A number of people have given out blessing bags and there are still a few that have been made up to be given out. We also have more materials to make additional bags. Jason was wondering if this was going to be an on going project. That is the hope at this time.

Debby gave a verbal and written report on Day Camp. The attendance was down for the campers this year but those that attended felt it was very worthwhile. She will have Bethesda's share of the cost by next council meeting.

WORSHIP TEAM: Lynn

Outdoor Service

Worship team has decided that they will send a check of at least \$50 to River of Grace to supplement donations that were given at the service. Jason stated that one of the members from the band had mentioned there is a retreat that they are inviting us to attend. He will check regarding further information.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Stacy questioned if the key cost was put in the Property Policy. Lynn will check on this. Motion was made to accept the Secretary's Report Frank/Nevada MSC.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

On the balance sheet the church equity is now listed as current fund balance, this was done in June and July.

Frank questioned why there is a great difference in the Pastor's salary when comparing June and July. It was noted that in July there are three payouts due to the number of weeks /days in July. It was then discovered that the middle part of the June balance sheet was actually from May, Pages three, four, five, six, seven and eight.

Lynn will check to see what is on the Pastor's contract as to salary per month and other possible expenses that come into that.

Ryan suggested that the Council get the balance sheet the week before the Council Meeting in order to review it before we meet.

Debby asked why the budget information is no longer in the Beacon.

Stacy will talk with Nita regarding giving us the report the week before our meeting and also about giving information to Bobbie for the Beacon.

It was noted that there is no entry for the cost of new phones and installation. It had been mentioned that there was

possibly a donation for the cost. Lynn will check on this.

A motion was made to table further discussion on June balance sheet since most of the report is actually from May and to a table discussion on July since we need June to compare costs and balances. The motion was made by Jason/Frank MSC. Meeting with Waddell and Reed (W&R)

Sue, Lynn and Stacy met with a representative. They are the three that are authorized to sign on that account. It requires two signatures to do transfers.

Investments:

Astrid Lawrence- this is labeled as budget shortfall.

Eleanor Hanson- contact was made with some of her relatives who stated that the money was originally designated to pay the mortgage. Since the mortgage has been paid it is now possible to use the current balance for another purpose. The balance in the Eleanor Hanson account will be moved to the Astrid Lawrence account and it will be renamed Reserve/Astrid Lawrence to help clarify that it can be used as needed.

W&R stated that they now have a program called Wealth Managements that we can use to look at our accounts.

Our investments are currently getting 6 to 6.75% which is a good return so we will leave them as they are for now.

Money Fund- we need to have \$650 or more minimal balance. This is a middle man account. We would use this to transfer money from the Astrid Lawrence account as needed.

MCCU- at the June Council Meeting approval was given to the Executive Committee to make the decision as to which financial institution we are going to move our church accounts.

At the June 12, 2018 Executive Committee meeting it was decided that Members Community Credit Union (MCCU) will be our new financial institution. We will save money as they do not charge for some of the transactions that we need to make. All the paperwork regarding the changeover of accounts will be done by the next Council Meeting.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

Per email.

OLD BUSINESS:

Amendment added to the constitution – Linda

Members were given a copy of the amendment as it will read in the constitution. At this time it will be added to the back of the constitution as we are going to need to redo the constitution next year due to changes made at the national convention.

Bulletin format – Frank

Will hopefully start using the new format soon that will eliminate the need of the pre-printed bulletins from Augsburg. This will save money as those were quite expensive.

Bobbie stated that currently 241 newsletters are being mailed per month. 74 of those are going to non-active members. The bulk rate for mailing is a minimum of 200. It is cheaper to mail the few that might want to receive it in the mail than it is to print and mail 241.

Lynn will let Bobbie know that this next newsletter will be the last mailing. There will be a notice that the newsletter is online and there will be some copies available at church. The definition of a non-active member is that they have not participated by giving or receiving communion in a two year period. These members will be moved to the in-active file. Lynn will also check with Bobbie to see if she does a report to the Synod at the end of the year on the number of active members.

Copier- Bobbie states that it is working OK except for folding the newsletters and that is being handled well by the Beacon volunteers. We will not be changing the copier at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Community/organization use of building – Teresa stated that a therapist from the school had wanted to use the building to treat students. She had been told that this would violate our nonprofit status. We would also need to check on our insurance policy to see whether or not she and the students would be covered.

Lynn will check our insurance policy to see if they cover any problems when nonmembers use the church.

It was suggested that requests for use of the building need to go to the Executive Committee and that they might also pass it on to the Council.

This should be part of our building use policy, the policy should be on our website, and a copy should be available in the

office.

Items from Debby:

She was wondering if the church should put surge protectors at least in the office. Discussion was held including the fact that the \$20 ones that most people use at home would not be adequate. To provide adequate protection would probably be over a \$1000.

Smoke detectors/carbon monoxide detectors - Dave will check to see what we have now.

Should we have every group that uses our church submit the \$250?

This will be discussed at our next meeting.

NEXT MEETING: Sept.11 at 5:30

EXECUTIVE MEETING:Sept. 4 per text/email

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn at 7:29 Jason/Teresa MSC