

## COUNCIL MEETING

June 21, 2022

SNACKS: Frank

CALL TO ORDER: Lynn called the meeting to order at 5:30.

ATTENDANCE: Lynn, Dave, Frank, Beth, Debby J., JoAnn, Deb D., Jane, Pastor Seth, and Linda.

NON-COUNCIL MEMBER: Jason Goad.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion was made to accept the agenda as printed Frank/JoAnn MSC.

DEVOTION: Pastor Seth spoke about being God's allies. Each congregation has their own role to play. Reflection on how we discern what God wants us to do. What can we do to help us as the congregation to make decisions? Listen to everyone's viewpoint within the congregation and community.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PROPERTY: Dave- Dave has checked the boilers in the basement. Lynn is researching a riding lawn mower. The Memorial Committee will vote on purchasing the lawn mower once one is selected. Chris/Nixon will be in charge of lawn mowing and they will get helpers. Chris enlarged the door on the shed so the lawn mower will be stored there. It also has a new lock.

The snowblower is in the shed at this time but will be stored by Lew/Ginny during the summer. Frank has a gas trimmer with a brushing attachment that he will donate.

Gutters- North Country came and put gutters on the entire north wall of the fellowship hall.

Basement cleanup- Shop vacs have been used to clean up the water. Frank is going to take the garbage to the dump. There have been many helpers involved. Rod and Deb will take out the wood paneling in the storage room as it has mold.

Rod, Deb, and Sue have been contacting people who might be able to put a new concrete slab by the entrance stairs on 5th street. It is believed that this is where most of the water entered from that flooded the storage room and other parts of the basement.

CYFED- JoAnn. There was no CYFED meeting in June. There was a community campfire at Zion church that had a church service with communion and some activities for the kids. There were also hot dogs and marshmallows available and other items for a picnic supper. It was well attended by Bethesda, Zion, and Our Savior churches. The planning committee for this event is hoping to have another campfire event in July or August.

WORSHIP: Lynn. Meeting with River's Edge is planned for June 27.

Bishop Amy Odgren will co-lead service on July 17.

Jason/Andy will do the music for an outdoor service in July.

Polka service will be the Sunday of Carlton Daze.

September 11 will be an outdoor service at the pavilion with River of Grace providing the music.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Motion was made to accept the May minutes as printed Beth/Jane MSC.

Correspondence- None.

### TREASURER'S REPORT:

On page 3 of the report the amount of \$142 was the amount that the church paid for the meatball supper. A profit of \$3440 was made.

The amount of \$546 from Thrivent was for adult education and has now been transferred to the Women's Retreat.

The issue of double checks to Robbie has been corrected.

The checkbook is now at \$61,000.

Motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report as printed Jane/Pastor Seth MSC.

PASTOR'S REPORT: many visits with congregation members. Went to Pastor Morrium's retirement party. Has been doing pre-marriage counseling with the couple who will be married at Bethesda July 23rd. They will not be having the reception at Bethesda. Attended a Black Hoof fundraiser event. He would like to be made aware of any surrounding community events so that he can participate.

He has met with the Mutual Ministry Team.

July 11th through the 15th he will be at a continuing education retreat. Pastor CJ will be the emergency contact.

July 21 -23 he will be participating in a Synod youth event in Superior. He will be available for any emergencies. Pastor and Andrea will be hosting an exchange student this fall.

Lynn asked if Pastor has been able to contact any of the members on the list that was made of those who have not been attending church recently. He stated that he has not been able to start on that list yet.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Covid tax refund- work continues to resolve this issue.

Sharing of the Peace Survey- The results were about two to one in favor of continuing to do this activity during service. Jason voiced his concern that if we don't open things up in this way it discourages people from being part of the Bethesda congregation. Frank thought that we don't need to redo the survey. It was decided that we will continue using the current format.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Bobbie's hours – will stay at 10 hours per week and she would be willing to go up to 20 hours per week if it is needed.

Church building usage – if someone uses the church who isn't a member someone from WELCA needs to be present. Active members are those who give a donation and take communion within a two year period. Pastor is always involved with scheduling use of the sanctuary and if the people involved are not members Pastor lets them know what donation amount we usually get.

THANK YOU: None at this time

NO MEETING IN JULY

NEXT MEETING: August 16, 2022

SNACKS: Dave

EXECUTIVE MEETING: August 9, 2022 via email.

ADJOURNMENT: at 6:30 a motion was made to adjourn the meeting Frank/Jane MSC.

Closed with The LORD'S PRAYER

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Newlon, Council Secretary