

Council Minutes

April 12, 2018

CALL TO ORDER: 5:31 by Lynn

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Pastor Mary, Stacy, Lynn, Ryan, Dave, Jane, Nevada, Teresa, Linda, Jason, Bethany. Frank was not available per phone. Deb is on vacation.

QUORUM: established.

NON-COUNCIL MEMBERS: none.

DEVOTION/PRAYER: Ryan.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Ryan/Teresa MSC

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Linda

APPROVAL OF REPORT: Stacy/Beth MSC

CORRESPONDENCE: Linda reported that the Barnum Area Community Club had sent an invitation for Bethesda Church to participate in the Spring Fever Days parade on Saturday, June 9. It was suggested that possibly Joel's sing /play /pray group might want to participate. Linda will contact Joel regarding this activity.

BOOKKEEPER/ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT:

Lynn commented that the report does not show that Nita was paid in March. Stacy will check with Nita.

Check registry number 8884 to Katherine Stableman for \$104 - Who is this and what was this for? Stacy will check with Nita and will find out if it's possible for Nita to make a comment on the check register as to why a check is written.

Beth wanted to know what capital outlay savings is under savings accounts on page 4.

Stacy will check with Nita.

APPROVAL OF REPORT: Dave/Ryan MSC

PASTOR'S REPORT:

Reviewed report that had been emailed.

Pastor Mary commented that there were seven students that received First Communion and that she had made a number of pastoral visits. She was very excited about the positive response from our congregation to the Under-aware activity. She is still trying to establish a team that would handle special events; fundraising etc.

Prayer classes will start in May with the retreat in June.

The fifth Sunday of April

The Feed My Starving Children event will be held September 21 and 22nd at the Armory in Cloquet. Area churches are invited to be involved that day or by doing some type of fund raiser.

Mitch Haber the Carlton Thrivent agent is promoting a large community activity in October or November. He is working on this and would like input on what type of activity would be appropriate.

Pastor Mary has been asked by a congregation member if we could maybe have nametags for worship service and also a prayer box in which to put suggestions for prayers during worship service. The worship committee will be asked to address these two issues.

PROPERTY:-Dave

During the rekeying process it was noted that both entry doors on the alley are in poor condition and will need to be replaced soon.

The ice buildup on the east side of the building came loose and damaged the gas pipe causing a leak. Repairman needed to be called. Discussed need to address some way to prevent the ice from doing damage to the items that are on the outside of the building in that area.

Minnesota power was in the building to do an energy audit. They currently have a rebate to help pay for the cost of changing to LED lights. The rebate is for \$2000 and of the estimate to do the whole church would be \$8000. The fluorescent fixtures need to be changed in order to be LED acceptable fixtures. At this time it is felt that it would be best just to replace burned-out bulbs with LED lights as possible. Ryan suggested maybe having a five-year plan in regard to

changing to LED lights.

Stacy brought forward a question from a congregational member about keys for the new locks. 30 were ordered and there are only four of those left. The office has a list of who has keys. It is suggested that a four dollar per key deposit be made.

WORSHIP: Lynn reported that 122 people watched the service when it was done on Facebook. It might be possible in the future for Pastor to do service on Facebook when she is not able to be at church.

The fifth Sunday of the month will be a healing service.

CYFEd: Linda- will be doing the Agape meal this coming Saturday and then having confirmation on Sunday. Planning for graduates Sunday in May. They will receive quilts and a special blessing during the service and a supper that night with their families.

OLD BUSINESS:

Amendment – Linda has talked with Bobbie and the procedure will be discussed with Pastor Rollie Bockbrader as to how church to add the information to our Constitution. This information will also be given to council members to add to their copy of the constitution.

Authorized people for phone account – Deb is on vacation so will put this on next month's agenda

New door locks – Lynn

Alice and Cliff Kloefer paid the original amount of \$265 for the new locks and additional keys. The final bill was more than that due to having to replace the bar on the door that faces Highway 210. Lynn and Dave paid the extra amount.

Lockbox – Hagen's left one. We were not billed for this one and Property will install it. It is not battery operated.

Authorization to sign checks – Lynn

There are now 4 people who are authorized to sign checks. (do you want me to list who these people are?) All checks will be signed by at least two people.

Financial secretary – Teresa had volunteered for this position but it was discovered that the Constitution doesn't allow for a council member to hold this position.

Will put out a request for someone to do this job. It was suggested that we provide more information as to what the job involves. Perhaps Sue Coady would be willing to do this.

Council retreat – Pastor Mary will send out a survey to help decide what date will work best.

Calling list – it was decided to pass it around the fellowship hall after church on Sunday and to also make it available to those who come for service on Wednesday. Linda will do this and then the Executive committee will compile the information.

Copier/printer – Jason

Toshiba is considered to be on the bottom of the rung of technology. The estimation that they gave us was possibly what it would cost to buy a machine.

Metro sales – out of Duluth has 8 to 10 service techs and other companies have only two. They sell Rico and Sharp units. Jason is waiting for a quote from them.

Stacy suggested seeing if they have a leasing option.

Ryan stated that it might be a possible to get a printer/copier from his work.

Stacy mentioned that it is possible to get a separate unit that would handle folding.

Will put this matter on the agenda for next month.

Synod assembly representatives – Teresa and Jim Solomon. They are registered at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Use of Sanctuary- Pastor Mary had received a request from a church member for a wedding in the sanctuary which would be officiated by a person who had been ordained online.

The Council was in agreement that anything in the sanctuary should be done by someone who is recognized by the ELCA.

The Council was also concerned about who can do baptisms and funerals.

Pastor Mary will work on the Wedding policy, and it will be put on next month's agenda as Old business.

Day camp – Teresa went to a planning meeting with Debby. She asked if envelopes could be put in the bulletin to help sponsor a camper. This would offset the cost of pre-registration for campers. Council agreed that this could be done.

Teresa and Debby will work on this and may possibly use the VBS envelopes we already have.

Meatball auction – Sue and Duane are asking that the money go to the Endowment/Memorial Committee to (Off-set?) the money that Bethesda still owes them.

Council members felt this was an appropriate place for the money to go but probably should be decided when discussion is first held to decide the date of the meatball supper.

Jason/Teresa MSC That the money from the meatball auction be given to the Endowment/Memorial Committee toward the amount that the church still owes them with the understanding that the decision about the use of this money being made when the date of the meatball supper is first discussed.

Thank you – The Kiehl family and all who helped through Lent and Easter. Allison & Cliff Kloepfer,

Lynn & Dave Beatty

NEXT MEETING:

May 8 - 5:30

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

April 30 via text message

Devotion/treats – Lynn

Motion to adjourn at 7:25 Beth and Dave/Jason MSC

LORD'S PRAYER