

COUNCIL MEETING

May 17th, 2022. SNACK- Linda

CALL TO ORDER: Lynn called the meeting to order at 5:33.

PRESENT: Lynn, Frank, Deb D., JoAnn, Pastor Seth, Dave, Linda, Debby J., Beth. Jane had been excused.

NON-COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Pastor Seth wanted River's Edge and flooding of the basement to be added under New Business. Motion was made to accept the agenda with the additions as noted above Debby J./Deb D. MSC.

DEVOTION: Pastor Seth told us about one of the speakers at Synod Assembly who discussed using the SAFFE technique when making new connections.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PROPERTY: Dave-

Handle on the inside of the door to Highway 210 will be addressed.

Updated sign board and lighting on south side of church facing 210 will be put on agenda in September

WORSHIP: Lynn- Pastor Seth will be gone May 29. Pastor Morrium will lead the service. Will be starting the Glory, Honor, and Blessings service on the Sunday June 12 and the second Sunday of the month going forward. Will be working on arranging outdoor service for July, August, and September. Will also work on getting special music for indoor/outdoor service.

CYFED: JoAnn- written report.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: In the minutes of the April 12, 2022 meeting in the Worship Committee report Synod was spelled incorrectly and in the Pastor's Report Jaakola was spelled incorrectly. Motion was made to accept the Secretary's Report with the corrections as noted above Frank/JoAnn MSC.

TREASURER'S REPORT: There are two checks written to Robbi Pierce. One was supposed to be ducted from the statement.

The \$165 amount that was questioned last month was a donation to the Youth. It has been moved to the Memorial Fund.

Electric-was on a budget plan according to the old price rate. The \$523 is the amount that was needed to catch up to what we should have been paying. The cost of the Meatball Supper is on the April statement. The profits will be on the May statement.

YTD Offering- is behind about \$7000.

On page one Liabilities- Accounts Payable in/out the \$10.40 was for a late charge and was supposed to be deducted.

Lynn found out from Thrivent that they are no longer notifying members as to whether or not they have choice dollars that need to be allocated. We as a church should be reminding them before the end of the year.

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

PASTOR'S REPORT:

Mutual Ministry Team- current members are Larry, Ginny, Lynn, and Pastor. Next year Lynn will stay on. It is not required to have a council member.

Synod Assembly- Pastor felt it was very valuable with good leadership.

He has visited with John Holden.

He has had some discussion with leadership at River's Edge who are interested in a closer relationship with Bethesda.

Pastor has met with the tri-parish committee working on VBS. He is working on finding someone from Bethesda to help with skits and crafts. Debby J. is also on this committee.

He has posted his work schedule on the wall by his office door.

OLD BUSINESS:

None at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

New church directory- Will put this on the agenda for the September meeting.

River's Edge- Pastor Morrium is retiring. They have approached Pastor Seth about possibly being a pastor for them. At this time it is not known how much time that would be. Pastor Seth said he is interested and would like to know how Bethesda would feel about this possible arrangement. Frank stated that he feels we need to have more details. Pastor stated he would probably be less than half time at River's Edge and that it would be a good opportunity to share in many areas. Our Executive Committee would need to meet with the leadership at River's Edge. No date has been set for this meeting at this time. More details would need to be known before this would be brought to the congregation. The ELCA Synod and their Presbytery would have to sign off on this arrangement.

COVID Tax Refund- have received 4/5 checks. Lynn has been working for two weeks trying to get the final check. She is getting some assistance from the firm that helped us apply for this.

Sharing the Peace- Frank feels uncomfortable with going back to hand to hand contact. Lynn informed him that Pastor did thoroughly explain that it is completely dependent on each person as to how they do this. It was also demonstrated that there are three different ways to pass the Peace and one is without any personal contact. Frank was wondering if we could do a survey at service that would indicate how the congregation feels about this. A paper survey will be done with responses placed in the offering plate. Worship Team will discuss the survey results and adjust the Sharing the Peace portion of the service accordingly.

NEXT MEETING: June 21, 2022 5:30.

EXECUTIVE MEETING: June 14, 2022 Via email.

SNACK: Frank

ADJOURNMENT: At 7:10 motion was made to adjourn the meeting Beth/JoAnn MSC.

Closed with THE LORD'S PRAYER

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Newlon, Council Secretary