

Council Meeting  
March 10, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: Lynn called the meeting to order at 5:36.

PRESENT: Lynn, Beth, Dave, Jane, Stacy, Pastor Jim, Linda. Frank and Deb were excused.

NON-COUNCIL MEMBERS: Sue Coady

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motioned made to approve agenda as printed Jane/Beth MSC.

DEVOTION AND TREATS: Jane

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PROPERTY- We called Aire Serv to assist in solving Boiler number 2 problems with the water flow and lack of heat; pressure gauge/ temp gauge has failed and needs to be replaced. There was a leak in a return pipe, allowing the pressure loss. We have removed the return pipe from boiler 2 and have Boiler number 1 now operating. There were two 1/8 inch square holes, a flaw in the material of the removed pipe.

Boiler operation and the temperature in the total building is holding.

We need to replace the faulty pipe and the temp./pressure gauge, for Boiler 2.

Aire Serv believes when the Sanctuary was built there was a clean out covered over, they said this happens often, And there is a water flow problem in the heating system that needs to be resolved to prevent this from happening again. I will make a hole where we think the clean-out may be.

CYFED: Linda- stated that there are 8 First Communion students, parents, and mentors meeting on Wednesdays for class with Pastor Jim after worship service. They are scheduled to make unleavened bread and strip palms on Saturday, April 4 Their first communion is scheduled for April 5. Faith Faith students in grades six through 10 are meeting with their mentors and using a journaling book for discussions.

WORSHIP: Lynn- reported on leaders for Sunday worship through April.

Pastor Jim did March 1 and 8

March : 15 -Pastor Janeva, 22- Renae with Ernie doing communion, 29th - Pastor Janeva

April: 5-Pastor Jim, Maundy Thursday 04/09 service at 6:30 with Pastor Jim, Good Friday 04/10 service at noon at River's Edge (JMPaine), Easter Sunday 04/12 - Pastor Jim, 04/19 & 26- Pastor Janeva.

May: 3- ? New Wine and /or Ginny, with Ernie possibly doing communion.

10 & 17- Pastor Jim, 24 & 31- Pastor Janeva.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Motion was made to accept the Secretary's Report as printed Stacy/Jane MSC.

CORRESPONDENCE: Information on North Eastern Minnesota ELCA Synod Convention and registration forms have been received. The convention is the first weekend of May and at this time we only have one delegate. Colleen and Stacy were approved at the Annual Meeting meeting, but Stacy is not able to attend.

Notice will be put in newsletter to see if someone else would be willing to be a delegate.

Will contact Lil D. regarding a quilt for the Hunger Appeal Silent Auction. She has donated one in the past.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT:

Motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report as printed Beth/Dave MSC.

Stacy will find out what the amount of \$215.99 under LIABILITIES In/Out was for.

Vicar's salary and vacation were paid out in February. Pastor Jim will now be working 15 hours/week which is an increase from 10 hours/week. This will be for March, April, and May. We will also pay for his registration for Synod Conventions.

Income was just \$65.32 less than expenses.

PASTOR 'S REPORT: Pastor Jim stated that there are 30 openings for pastors in the our Synod and the Synod did not receive any candidates from the last class.

Coffee time might be a good opportunity to discuss what changes should be made going forward for Bethesda.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

New Directory- Deb was not able to be at the meeting so no new information was presented. This is not a project that we would start right away due to all the other issues we are dealing with.

Call Committee – Lynn reported that Chris M., Jason G., Ron P., Betty P., Noah O., Paula O., Jenny L., and Teresa V. have volunteered to be on the committee. This is the maximum number that are required according to Bethesda's constitution. They are hoping to have their first meeting this week or next week.


Lynn checked with Brenda at the Synod office and the committee just needs to modify the last information regarding Bethesda that was sent to the Synod.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Copier – Bobbie has the information regarding a new copier. She feels that the current company, Intergraded Office Systems, gives us very good service.

If we purchase the copier the maintenance agreement with them will be \$62.50 per quarter, which is a very reasonable amount.

Stacy will assist Bobbie with this transaction.

New Signage- The team that Sue Coady is on for Cross Roads is suggesting putting up new lighting on the surface of the church that faces Highway 210. It is also suggesting changing the sign that is on that wall. It should be moved higher on the building so that it is not covered by the bushes that grow there. Sue brought some ideas regarding the wording of a new sign: BETHESDA with cross CHURCH

All Are Welcome

BETHESDA

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All Are Welcome

with cross

BETHESDA CHURCH

#### BETHESDA HEALING WATERS

Sue stated that the letters would be done in metal so they would be weatherproof. They would probably be in white as this shows up best on the bricks that we have. She has been dealing with Scott and he would probably be the one that would make the sign. She will check with him regarding options of the wording. Sue and Terry are planning to donate the new sign to the church.

#### THANK YOU:

Deb Davis- Driving force behind the Meatball Supper.

NEXT MEETING: April 14 at 5:30

EXECUTIVE MEETING: April 7 per email

ADJOURNMENT: at 6:57 motion was made to adjourn the meeting Dave/Jane MSC.

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Newlon, Council Secretary