

COUNCIL MEETING

December 14, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: Lynn called the meeting to order at 5:37.

ATTENDANCE: Lynn, Beth, Pastor Seth, Dave, Linda, Deb, and Stacy.
Frank and Jane had been excused.

NON-COUNCIL MEMBER: None

APPROVE AGENDA: Lynn stated that the Annual Meeting date needed to be added under New Business. Motion was made to accept the agenda with the above addition Pastor Seth/Beth MSC.

DEVOTION: Beth- Peace in the chaos.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PROPERTY: Dave -Will check roof vent.

Will need people for shoveling. Beth will make a sign-up sheet. Harold is still doing plowing.

WORSHIP: Lynn-

We will be using only gluten-free wafers at this time. Worship team will lead service on December 26. Pastor will be gone on January 16. The worship team will make plans for that service. Will be working on a church event calendar to help everyone using the church. Christmas Eve services will be at 4 and 8 o'clock.

CYFED: Linda- planning an outing to Bentleyville. At this time it is possible that there might be a middle school gathering in January. Checking on whether or not there is a movie over Christmas break that might be appropriate.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Under Treasurer's Report Nita's name was spelled incorrectly. Motion was made to accept the report with the correction as noted Stacy /Pastor Seth MSC.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

At the last Council meeting Pastor Seth had questioned the payment for Work of the People. This was a video series that CYFED had used in the past but is not using now. It has now been canceled. Pastor will have Bobbie check to see if we can get a refund.

The voids in this current report were because of a mistake that had been made in the pastor's insurance. Motion made to accept the report as printed Beth/Pastor Seth MSC.

PASTOR'S REPORT: The Pine Knot is doing an article on faith and Pastor Seth was asked to write the one for Christmas. He has made home visits with George Saarella and the Bongs. He met with the bishop and attended a conference of pastors.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Pastor Seth had sent the following list of questions to the Council prior to the meeting.

Callings and Expectations

What might God be calling this congregation to do in the next 5 to 10 years?

What is one faithful step that this congregation could take to follow God's call in the next year?

What does the congregation expect of the pastor ?

What does the congregation expect of members? Of the council and committees?

Make a list of the top 3 to 4 things that this congregation most needs Pastor Seth to focus on in the next year in order for us to take our next faithful step.

Make a list of the top 3 to 4 things that you think congregation members need to focus on in the next year in order for us to take our next faithful step.

What else do you think Pastor Seth needs to know to care for this congregation? Pastor's comments:

Callings- Think of where God is calling our congregation.

Expectations- Need to have a conversation about what the congregation, council and individuals expect from the Pastor.

It was suggested that we take some time to consider these questions and pray for God's guidance.

Pastor asked for questions that we might have about these tasks. Lynn stated that it is hard to put thoughts into words at this time. Reflection time will be helpful.

Stacy and Deb said we need to get in contact with younger people and let them know how welcoming we are. Confirmands often are forced to go to classes but don't come back once confirmed. Possibly their parents don't attend church. So the question is how do we reach young people living in the area?

Pastor would like us to continue this conversation about the questions at the next Council Meeting. We might need to have a special meeting to address these questions.

Need to find ways to listen to the people we want to reach.

Pastor Seth had discussed with the Worship Team that his vacation will include January 16 as that is the time his family is celebrating Christmas. In recent years our Annual Meeting has been on the third Sunday in January which this year would be the 16th.

Motion was made to change the Annual Meeting date from January 16 to January 30, 2022 Lynn/Deb MSC.

THANK YOU: None at this time.

NEXT MEETING: January 11 at 5:30

EXECUTIVE MEETING: January 4 by email

The executive committee needs to present the budget to the Council at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: at 6:33 a motion was made to adjourn the meeting Deb/Dave MSC.

Closed with The Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Newlon, Council Secretary