

Council Meeting

January 8, 2019

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: 6:08 by Lynn.

ATTENDANCE: Dave, Stacy, Jason, Pastor Mary Fiel, Linda, Debbie, Lynn, Nevada, Teresa, and Beth.

ABSENT: Jane, Frank, and Ryan.

NON-COUNCIL MEMBER: none

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion was made by Debbie/Nevada to approve agenda, MSC.

DEVOTION: Stacy

PROPERTY: Dave - General maintenance done in December. Beth did make and put out a sign-up sheet for snow removal.

CYFEd: Linda - Stewardship class

received the first gift of money and will report back to Pastor Mary Fiel as to how they use the money. Confirmation classes will start this Wednesday, January 9 with Pastor Mary. Possibly five students in the class.

Bishops visit will be February 13. Will invite other churches to bring their youth and all of our congregation is also invited.

WORSHIP TEAM: Lynn - Pastor has found a resource for slightly different formats to be use for some special services in the future.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Motion to approve report by Beth/Stacy, MSC.

TREASURER'S REPORT :

Lynn reported that she has reviewed the amount in our investments from 2012 through 2017 and the amount decreased by a little over \$68,000.

The amount in the general checking account has decreased to \$21,770.49 from \$37,484.02, which was the balance at the end of December 2017. Under liabilities- The amount of \$1137.84 was to cover an error in an entry in December.

Under noncharitable income the amount of \$581 is due to a donation from the Jam Group and the sale of the chairs. The money from the sale of the chairs will be going to Property, this was approved at a previous Council meeting.

The amount under YOUTH GROUP

of \$300 is the money that was approved by the Council to give to the Stewardship Class.

Under general checking the \$310.82 listed on the 12/07/218 for electricity is for the November payment. The amount listed on 12/31/2018 is the December electricity payment.

Motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report by Debbie/Dave, MSC.

PASTOR'S REPORT: December report had been emailed to Council members. Pastor reported that she sent out 84 letters to members who have not been at church or active in anyway for three years or more. The letter focused on encouraging people to reconnect with the church and informed them that we do have a Wednesday night service. She is going to send out about 30 more letters to those members who have not been here for the last three years.

Lynn mentioned that the Council should probably go over the membership list as we might be able to help Pastor since we know the members better we would be able to identify members who have not been active recently.

Conference assembly – next year we will need to work on selecting a new Bishop.

Pastor has created a survey using a number of questions that were on the Transition Task Force Survey. She will probably send the new survey out after the annual meeting and use the results at the Visioning of meetings. Pastor asked council members to consider questions that they might want on the survey.

Debbie wants to be sure that we are doing activities for the children and youth.

Dave wants the council to go over the responses to the survey. He feels that some members might need a personal visit from the Pastor and /or a council member.

OLD BUSINESS:

2019 budget- CYFEd got approval from Endowment/Memorial for the \$500 towards the Stewardship Class. They are requesting that we add Day Camp back on the budget for the amount of \$529.

The amount for Synod Intent had been changed at the last meeting from 8% to 0%. There was some discussion with members after that meeting and Lynn discussed it with Pastor Rollie at the Synod who suggested that we put an amount in the budget and have the congregation discuss it at the Annual Meeting.

Beth/Dave made a motion to make the following changes to the 2019 budget:

Delete \$500 for Stewardship Class. Add \$529 for Day Camp and \$2000 for Endowment/Memorial, the amount the church owes them in 2019. Change Synod Intent from 0% to 2% MSC.

Jason had voted no as he feels that we do not have the money to pay the Synod when we already have a deficit budget.

Debbie wondered what happens if we have no money to pay the bills, will we have to close the doors? Discussion was held regarding staying on top of our expenses so hopefully we would prevent that from happening. One option might be to change from a full-time pastor to part time or a shared pastor. Dave commented that when we were looking for a contracted pastor the congregation wanted to have a full-time pastor. Lynn feels that the more information we give to the congregation the better they will understand the financial status of the church.

Call list – Lynn thought it would be easiest for the executive committee to make the notifications if church is canceled. She will send a text to those who requested this form of notification. Stacy and Linda divided the remaining members that had responded. Jason stated that he would not take any of the names at this time as he is not going to run for vice president at the next council election, so he will no longer be on the executive committee.

Bulk mailing – in spite of Lynn speaking to the main post office and to the local office, two separate times, we will not be able to get a refund on our bulk mailing permit.

Electronic community board – Linda spoke with the person at the high school who is in charge of this and she was quite certain that she could put our Wednesday night free community meal on the board. She did indicate that it does not stay on there permanently.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nominating committee – ballot- Ryan will not to be running. Jon Kolb is working on the other positions that are open. Lynn will check with Jon and then give the information to Bobbie for her to print the ballot.

Proposed change to by-laws -

Paula Olsen is on her last year of eligibility for the endowment committee. She has been serving as Treasurer and her skills in this role will be missed upon her departure. However, she has volunteered to continue managing the books for the committee as a nonvoting member. Presently the continuing resolution does not allow her to serve as Treasurer if she's not a voting member of the committee. Thus, the committee requests a change to the continuing resolution item 1.4 page 29 of the constitution which states-The committee shall elect from its membership a chair person, treasurer,and secretary. To say: The committee shall elect from its membership a chair person. Further, the committee will appoint a Treasure and Secretary from its membership or fill these roles with voting members from the congregation.

Motion was made to change item 1.4 as stated above by Beth/Dave MSC.

THANK YOU: Linda spoke with members of the Jam Group and thanked them for their donation to the church.

Devotion/treat list – filled out for 2019 and January 2020.

NEXT MEETING: February 7, 2019, this is a Thursday, at 6 o'clock.

DEVOTION/TREATS: Linda

NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING: February 1 by email.

ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn at 7:12 Jason/Stacy, MSC.

LORD'S PRAYER

Respectfully submitted by

Linda Newlon, Secretary