

COUNCIL MEETING

September 20, 2022

SNACK- Beth

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

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

NON-COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: none.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion was made to accept the agenda Pastor Seth/JoAnn MSC.

DEVOTION/PRAYER:

Pastor Seth read Martin Luther's Flood Prayer and discussed how God floods us with his grace, love, and mercy.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PROPERTY- Dave will be working on getting the boiler started. Door to 210 has not been replaced yet but will be soon. Dave and Rod will replace the roof over the gas meter. Debby J. wondered if the trees to the east of the church keep the sun from melting the ice in that area.

WORSHIP - Lynn reported that the shared ministry with Rivers edge was approved at the Special Congregational Meeting. Starting October 2 Sunday service will be at 8:30. There will be special music on September 25 by Don Brown and Robin Johnson. Pastor Don Paulson will lead service and give a temple talk about the Seafarers' Ministry. Linda and Lynn have started cleaning the Vicar's office and Library. At this time it has been suggested to rename the Vicar's office as the Den and the library as the Family Room.

CYFED - JoAnn reported that Bobbie McCorison has joined the CYFED team.

October 5 will be the beginning of a new Bible study that will run for eight weeks. It is being led by Myrna and Ginny and will start at 6:30

On September 7 the Kick- off Cookout for Faith Formation had a great turnout. Cara Keinanen was the guest speaker.

The youth retreat with Our Savior's and Zion will be September 23 through the 25th with Pastor Seth and Wendy as chaperones from Bethesda.

It has been suggested that the youth do a service project possibly with the residence at Interfaith Care Center. Bobbie is going to check with them to see what can be arranged. A detailed report from this meeting will be included with the Council minutes.

SECRETARY'S REPORT : Motion was made to accept the report as printed Jane/JoAnn MSC.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Under Worship the copyright hasn't needed to be used.

Pastoral expenses – Pastor Seth stated that the \$400 for was for books for a class that he is taking.

Motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report: Deb D./Jane MSC.

PASTOR 'S REPORT:

Pastor Seth asked the council what they thought the congregation needs to feel cared for now that we have shared ministry with River's Edge.

Responses were – open to compromise on meetings or schedule issues. Contact information, will it remain the same? Pastor replied yes.

Frequent communication as to what is happening.

Pastoral visits - have been made to Brad and Mary Matlack, Gordy and Lil Davis and Bob and Marnie Emerson. The bishop has asked Pastor Seth to join the Synod Council. Pastor CJ's seat is now empty as he moved to southern Minnesota.

He is taking a class to learn more about how to pastor to two congregations.

Debby J. Is wondering whether or not River's Edge has Facebook and or website.

Linda Newlon and Lori Moe will be the liaisons for the two churches.

OLD BUSINESS::

COVID refund- Still working on it. Checks from the refund will go to Property Savings to keep it separate from other phones.

Repair of entrance on 5th Street-

Have received a \$1000 donation towards the project. Three bids have been turned in. From ?????????????? The Repair Committee of Randy Schmitz, Craig Schmitz, Chris Mitchell, and Lynn will look at the bids. Lynn has requested them to submit a drawing and list of materials to be turned in this month. Hope to have it done in the spring. Randy will try to get a temporary fix in place soon.

We'll probably have to have a special Council meeting to deal with this. The railings for the new entrance could possibly cost between \$10-\$1500 ????? and this amount is not included in the bid for the sidewalk and stairs.

New door on 210 entrance- Hopefully will be here by October.

Rental of part of the parking lot- there is some question about whether or not we will be taxed if we ask for a specific amount of rent. It is possible that a donation is not limited as to the amount and may not be taxed.

Nita, our accountant, may be able address this issue.

Lynn will call the business to get specifics as to the amount of area that is needed, frequency of their in an out of the area, the materials that will be stored, and estimate of the length of time they will need the area.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resignation of Frank Curtis effective 10/1/22- Motion was made to accept the resignation of Frank Curtiss as of 10/01:22. Deb D./ Pastor Seth. Motion was passed with one in opposition.

New start time for church service-Starting October 2 Sunday service will be at 8:30

Meet with River's Edge- They will need to do Worker's Comp. for Pastor Seth themselves.

Lynn will speak to them about doing a potluck on October 30 and a joint Council/ Session meeting November 15.

Deb D. will be cooking hotdogs for the confirmation class each Wednesday.

THANK YOU: River of Grace for music at outdoor service, Don and Robin for music on Sept. 25, and Frank for his years of service on the council.

NEXT MEETING: October 18, 5:30

EXECUTIVE MEETING: October 11 via email

SNACK: Lynn

ADJOURNMENT: At 6:38 motion to adjourn was made by Deb D./ Dave MSC.

Closed with The Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Newlon, Council Secretary