

Council Meeting

March 12, 2019

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Lynn called the meeting to order at 6:06.

PRESENT: Deb, Dave, Jane, Pastor Mary Fiel, Beth, Linda, Stacy, Lynn.

Excused – Jason, Teresa, Frank.

Congregation members present – none.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion was made to accept the agenda Beth/Dave MSC.

DEVOTION/TREATS: Deb provided pizza. Linda read a devotion from Thrivent. Had a special prayer for the Solomon family who are dealing with a medical issue.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PROPERTY- Dave reported that 75% of the breakers for the kitchen, fellowship hall, and entrance have been identified. The revolving bulletin board has been made and installed by Lonnie. Dave will try to adjust lighting on new bulletin board. Rear doors are on order from Hagens. Their bid was \$ 3000 less than the other quote. The fellowship storage now has a three way switch and Dave is going to install another light in that area. The Worn Stairs company has been chosen to do the work on the kitchen. Dave is going to change the heating system in the kitchen. WELCA will be paying for part of the kitchen remodeling. The remaining balance will be paid by Endowment/Memorial and fundraisers as necessary.

CYFEd- Linda reported that Faith Formation is proceeding well. Pastor Mary stated that there was much discussion about the money given to the students in the Stewardship class. There will be some revamping of the format for next year. This year the students were to give a written report to Pastor as to how they had use the money they received. It was suggested that next year they give an oral report or have someone read their report at a church service.

WORSHIP - Lynn reported that most of the meeting was discussion of the upcoming calendar for church services and these are detailed in the Pastor's Report.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Correspondence– None

APPROVAL : Motion was made to accept the report as printed Stacy/Jane MSC.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Overpayment to Menards- still has not been received, but entered in our report so that Nita will address.

The electrical payment was paid twice and one was reimbursed.

The \$150 under miscellaneous was a donation for use of the Fellowship Hall. This will go into the General Fund.

The \$70 charge to property should actually be an office expense as it was a service charge regarding the telephone system.

APPROVAL: Motion to accept Treasurer's Report Jane/Deb MSC.

PASTOR'S REPORT: reviewed report that had been emailed to council members. There are 4 expected to attend the Holy Communion classes. The six through ninth grade will be about 15 people.

Survey – changing the format of Worship service. New format will be used through Lent and then reviewed.

Synod Delegates- Ginny KortieCastle, and Lori Bunge.

Godparent's Sunday – this is to honor those who are godparents and acknowledge the importance of baptism.

Holy Communion- Pastor explained that at this time our church is usually doing this for the second graders but it is open to anyone. She believes the decision should be made by the family after discussion with the pastor.

OLD BUSINESS:

Visioning meeting February 17-

Pastor discussed some of the ideas that were brought up: T shirts with church name, auction/rummage sale, food shelf program in school, out reach projects – ask youth for ideas, social events.

Stewardship – at this time a couple of people are willing to help but no one wants to chair it. Pastor has heard many negative comments about the last pony express. Stacy volunteered to help the others that are willing to work on this committee. She suggested sending out a form to be returned to the church to protect the privacy of members regarding their pledge. Lynn felt that there would need to be discussion times before that form was sent out.

Deb raised the question as to what the goal would be of the Stewardship Committee. Would it be to try to increase the amount of pledges from current attending members or to increase the number of people that actually attend service?

There was much discussion about what the goal would be.

Pastor stated that at this time there are six giving units that actually provide more than half of the income for the church. The amount from automatic payment is about \$3600 a month.

Lynn stated that WELCA is going to discuss at their upcoming meeting some activities that might be done once a month or maybe every 3 to 4 months to get our name out in the community and do some fundraising. Discussed having some kind of social event for the congregation and at that time give information on various committees.

Jane suggested that active members send personal notes to inactive members.

Vote on proposed change to bylaws-

proposed change was passed at the Special Congressional Meeting on March 10. Linda will send a copy to Pastor Rollie at the Synod.

Summer food program – Beth read from the email that she had sent to Carlton high school and the one that they had sent back. They would be willing to explore the possibility of having this program at either the high school or the elementary school. The principal thought it might be best to have a paid school staff member present. We do have a member of our congregation who is a staff member at the elementary school who has volunteered to help with this program. Beth will check into the details about this program. It was suggested that she speak to the County Extension office to see if they might have summer interns who would be able to help with the program.

NEW BUSINESS:

None at this time

THANK YOU: Lonnie and Jeannette for the revolving bulletin board.

Gladys Sievert for heading up the Souper Bowl event and providing some of the items through a Thrivent Action Card.

DEVOTION/ TREATS : Teresa

NEXT MEETING: April 9 at 6 o'clock

EXECUTIVE MEETING: April 2 by email

ADJOURNMENT: 7:32 Motion to adjourn the meeting Jane/Dave MSC.

LORD'S PRAYER

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Newlon, Council Secretary