

## COUNCIL MEETING

Sept. 22, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: Lynn called the meeting to order at 5:32.

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

NON-COUNCIL MEMBER: None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion was made to approve the agenda as printed Pastor Jim/Beth MSC.

DEVOTION: Pastor Jim, discussed some of the information from the six grade confirmation class. They are studying the Lord's prayer. People had been using man-made idols. Father means a personal relationship. Kingdom of heaven is present now even in the pandemic.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PROPERTY: Dave-

Removal of trees around the parking lot was done by the city of Carlton. The cedar was taken by the school. Lew, Ginny, Sue and Terry did some of the final clean up. Speed Westerberg did a tree for Lil and Gordy and will probably be contacted to take down one more tree by the parking lot.

Turning on the heat – one of the boilers has a pipe that needs to be replaced first.

WORSHIP: Lynn-

In Person church service- The one held on September 13 went well. There will be another one this coming Sunday, September 27. It was decided that Church will be in person the entire month of October. Pastor Jim will lead service the 11 and the 18. Videos will be use for the message the other Sundays.

CYFED: Linda-

Confirmation classes- are being held with social distancing in the fellowship hall on Wednesday nights with Pastor Jim and assistance of Wendy.

Bethesda's God's work our hands - We have had a request from a woman in Wrenshall to help with some maintenance on her property. At this time are awaiting a Thrivent Action Team card to help with some of the expense of materials.

Thank you and blank note cards were made available after service on September 13 and will be available again this coming Sunday. Congregation members were encouraged to reach out to congregation and community members by using these cards.

The Faith Formation schedule was mailed out with the Sept. Beacon.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

August showed no payment of the electric bill, it will show up on the September statement.

On the last page the item for August 26 is a refund from the Synod Convention.

On page 3 the check of \$200 to River of Grace should be under Park service. Lynn will notify Nita to make this change.

Motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report with change as noted above Pastor Jim/Dave, MSC.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Motion to accept the Secretary's Report as printed Deb/Beth, MSC.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

Synod convention- Amy Odgren was voted in as the new bishop.

Pastor performed baptism for Jax Dewitt who will probably have First Communion in October.

The rest of the First Communion class received First Communion at the Park service on August 30.

Pastor presided at the funeral for Vi Axtell.

He has also been making phone calls and leads Men's Bible Study on Friday's.

OLD BUSINESS:

New Church Directory- on hold

New website- on hold

New signage- Lynn has heard from Sue that the company has been delayed in making the sign due to tornadoes in their area.

Pollinator garden- Beth reported that she has spoken with Alyssa, who is a conservation technician for the Carlton Soil and Water Conservation District. Alyssa assured Beth that a pollinator garden by the bell tower would not be dangerous to people going in and out of the door.

It is recommended that we remove the plants that are there now and prepare the area for a pollinator kit which would be \$60 and a Monarch kit which would be \$60. The preparation could be done this fall but the flowers should not be planted until next spring.

Alyssa has been involved with the gardens by the front entrance to IFFC and Carlton Place. She is going to mark plants and the rest of the area needs to be weeded. Volunteers are asked to meet in the front parking lot of IFFC at 10 o'clock on Friday,

September 25.

Beth will give Bobbie information to put in the Beacon regarding our pollinator garden.

Church insurance- Lynn spoke with Church Mutual regarding the great decrease in our premiums that they are now quoting us. They will decrease the cost of our general liability which we pay per month starting with the next payment but will not go retroactive with a decrease in payment. Lynn will check what the adjusted amount should actually be so Nita knows the correct amount to pay.

Lynn will have Bobbie make a list for Nita as to what bills should be coming in each month.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Call Committee - on hold until we have a established constant in person services. Lynn will contact Rivers Edge again to see if they have made a decision regarding possibly sharing a pastor with us.

**THANK YOU:** None at this time.

**NEXT MEETING:** Oct 13 at 5:30.

**EXECUTIVE MEETING:** Oct 6 For email

**DEVOTION:** Pastor Jim

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Newlon, Council Secretary