

## COUNCIL MEETING

Oct. 18, 2022

SNACK: Lynn

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lynn, Dave, Deb D., Beth, Debbie J, Pastor Seth, JoAnn, Linda.

Jane had been excused.

NON-MEMBERS PRESENT: None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion was made to except the agenda as printed Deb D./Beth, MSC.

DEVOTION/PRAYER: Pastor Seth

The devotion was based on Genesis 50: 15-21.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PROPERTY- Dave-

Door on Highway 210 entrance. New one is to be installed this Thursday or Friday

Boilers- The thermostats were not working. New ones are being ordered from Honeywell. Also need to replace one part on one of the boilers.

The broken toilet seat in the women's bathroom has been repaired.

WORSHIP- Lynn reported that there will be a joint service with River's Edge on October 30 at 9:30 at their church and then a potluck to follow service.

This Sunday we will have pulpit supply by Pastor Karen Linne and special music by Brenda Koski and Christy Crestik.

Cleaning continues in the library and the Vicar's office. A list of the items to that will be removed will be put on the church website and given to the congregation. Any items that remain will be put on marketplace to be sold. There will be no Thanksgiving service this year. We will discuss in the spring the possibility of doing a community wide Thanksgiving service in 2023.

We will discuss at our combined Council/ Session meeting on November 15 about having Christmas Eve Service Bethesda at 4 and 8 o'clock and Christmas Day at River's Edge at 10:30.

Bobbie will print a small questionnaire regarding Worship service helpers. These will be placed in the pews, fellowship hall and on our website.

CYFED- JoAnn presented a written report see a copy attached to these minutes.

Highlights: A series entitled Making Sense of the Scriptures is being held on Wednesday nights with good attendance. The Faith Formation classes for grades four, five, and six have been completed.

Confirmation classes continue and two of those students are going to the tri-parish retreat. This class will not meet on October 19 due to MEA.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Motion was made to accept the Secretary's Report as printed Pastor Seth/JoAnn, MSC.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

On page 2 under Investment Income-Miscellaneous refunds, this is the IRS Covid refund. It has been put it in Property Savings account for now.

Under CYFEd -this is for background checks that are done as needed.

Giving increased some – this may be due to some people giving quarterly.

Motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report as printed Pastor Seth/Deb D., MSC.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

Pastor officiated at Jeanne Ketchum's funeral. Pastor and Andrea attended the Walking Together event that was Synod sponsored. One of the sessions that they went to was presented by Catherine Anderson who talked about involving youth in service and worship projects. The Synod plans to hold this event each year on the second Saturday in October.

Parents night was held after Wednesday Worship Service with program speaker Cara Keinanen.

Confirmation trial-parish retreat is helpful because it gives more opportunity to build relationships.  
Met with Lynn regarding the change of leadership on the council after the Annual Meeting in January. Four people will be going off council at that time, including Lynn.

OLD BUSINESS:

Rental of part of parking lot- Lynn reported that they will need one or two pods and pipe stored in the parking lot. The north east corner would be the best. Forklifts will be used for moving the pipes.

The company will get back to us about an amount that they feel is appropriate per month as a donation. Could be needed for as long as two years and probably will start yet this year. Our insurance would be responsible for any issues that might arise on the parking lot. Motion was made to rent parking lot space to Magney Construction Pastor Seth/Debby J., MSC.

Repair of sidewalk and steps on 5th Street- Lynn reported that the city requires us to have an architect provide an architectural drawing with input from a structural engineer because we are a commercial building within the city limits. At this time we are waiting for the price to do the drawing.

Option 1- Do a temporary fix that would cost about \$5000 and the life expectancy would be 2 to 5 years.

Option 2-Fix completely.

We will need to have a special congregational meeting once we have more information.

Potluck -We will be having a combined worship service with River's Edge at their Church on October 30. It will be by a potluck in their fellowship hall. Council /Session meeting with River's Edge-

This is scheduled for November 15 at Bethesda. Bethesda's Council meeting will start at 5:30 and then River's Edge will join us at 6 o'clock or 6:15.

COVID refund- Lynn stated that we are still waiting for a response from the IRS.

NEW BUSINESS:

Debbie J. recommend that we put a notice in our newsletter that Thrivent members need to remember to designate their Choice Dollars by the end of the year

NEXT MEETING: Nov. 15, 5:30

SNACK: Deb D.

EXECUTIVE MEETING: Nov. 8 via email

ADJOURNMENT: At 6:37 motion was made to adjourn the meeting Deb D./ Dave, MSC.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Newlon, Council Secretary