

Council Meeting

May 8, 2018

CALL TO ORDER: 5:31 by Lynn

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Lynn, Dave, Stacy, Jason, Jane, Deb, Teresa, Linda.

Excused: Ryan, Nevada.

Pastor Mary was at a youth workshop.

QUORUM: established.

NON-COUNCIL MEMBERS: Matt from Metro Sales Inc.

DEVOTION/PRAYER: Lynn

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion to approve as printed with addition of information from Social Ministry and report on Synod Assembly from Teresa, Jason/Teresa MSC.

INFORMATION ON PRINTER/COPIER/FOLDER:

Matt from Metro Sales Inc. gave us information about the machine that Ryan has told us is available from Ulland Brothers. It has been used since 2007 and does not have a booklet finisher on it. In 2017 it needed to be serviced seven times. At this time if it needs to be serviced the parts might not be available and it would not be possible to get a service agreement from Metro Sales.

Metro sales has a unit that we could either lease or purchase. It is not the newest model but new enough that there will be parts if it needs to be repaired. A number of council members asked specific questions regarding the cost for leasing compared to owning. Questions were raised about a warranty and what it would cover and the possibility of getting a lock rate on the service agreement. It was decided that at this time we need to know more about the type of functions we are going to be requiring in the future.

The council thanked Matt for coming to present information and answering questions. He left printed information about the unit that his company has available for us.

In order to research answers to the numerous questions that we still have about this matter a committee will be formed consisting of Lynn, Frank, Pastor Mary, and Bobbie. Additional people will be asked to join the committee, including some congregational members. They will look at the types of functions that are going to be necessary and which companies can give us a unit that will best meet our needs. One of the suggestions was changing the format of the bulletin. Decreasing the number of newsletters that are printed was also discussed and the committee can look into this.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Motion made to accept the printed Secretary's Report Deb/Jane MSC.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

BOOKKEEPER/ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT:

Nita had asked Stacy if Bobbie can sign Nita's paycheck. Stacy should be notified when there is a check to be signed and will sign it or check with Bobbie that Nita's time sheet corresponds with the amount of the paycheck. Copier— did we not have a maintenance expense? It does not seem to show up on the report. Under Administration Expenses General there is an amount for Office Equipment Expense in February for \$806.98. Was this to correct a problem with the computer? Sue Coady used to troubleshoot computer problems for us. How much of this charge was a service charge? Do we need to look at maybe having someone else do this for us?

Lynn pointed out that at this time our income line shows \$44,324.02 and the expense line shows \$45,674.30.

The money from the Meatball Auction will go toward the \$2000 that the church was planning to pay to Endowment this year. Lynn will check to see what amount was raise and will notify Stacy. Stacy will instruct Nita to write a check to Endowment for the correct amount.

APPROVAL OF REPORT:

PASTOR'S REPORT:

We reviewed the emailed report. It covered the various Easter services that were provided, Synod Assembly and reminded us that installation of council members will be on Sunday, May 13.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PROPERTY: Dave- Lockbox will be put up soon. The one we have uses a code to unlock it. The fire department mentioned that they would like a lock box that uses a key but it is not a requirement.

The hardlined coffee maker is installed. Upper Lakes Food will come and do an in-service.

The board that holds the confirmation pictures was rehung as it was falling off the wall. It is now secure.

WORSHIP: Lynn- name tags for Worship service and box for prayer request, these items will be on the agenda for the next Worship Committee meeting. Will also discuss request from a member that sermons be put on Facebook. When Pastor Mary Fiel was asked about doing this she was wondering if this would actually decrease our church attendance.

Reviewed all Easter services.

The grand piano has some keys that are sticking and it needs to be tuned. It was decided we will pay to have it fixed. We worked on cleaning out the library. Linda reported that she had spoken with Synod regarding whether or not there are any churches that could use old hymnals. They are going to check and let us know if there is a church to whom we could donate our old hymnals.

CYFED: Linda

We reviewed the Agape meal and confirmation service.

Now planning for reflection supper for graduates at Bethesda. We will be using the prayer labyrinth from the Synod.

Daycamp will be the next event. Deb mentioned that it is always the same week as the Prairie Theatre. This will be mentioned to the organizers of the day camp as it may be decreasing the number who participate at camp.

SOCIAL MINISTRY: May 20- 23rd Veteran, bake sale and possible auction of some items during coffee.

They gave us a written schedule of the events that they have planned for each of the coming months. Council gave approval of the schedule.

OLD BUSINESS:

Barnum spring fever parade – Linda reported that she had spoken with Joel regarding whether the children in Play, Sing, and Prayer would possibly want to participate. He stated that he is already going to be involved in the parade with the Encore Theatre.

Amendment – Linda reported that Pastor Rollie has emailed detailed instructions as to how to include the amendment regarding the Treasurer in our Constitution. Bobbie will be working on this and hopes to have it ready by the next meeting.

Wedding policy – Pastor Mary

We reviewed the policy that Pastor Mary provided that she was familiar with. Frank wondered about the amount of the damage deposit since we just paid \$265 to do rekeying of our doors. Garbage costs were not covered and the question was asked if we incur much extra charge for which we should be reimbursed. We should probably find out how much garbage is usually generated. Alice may be able to answer this question.

There was a question as to whether or not members would pay a special fee or if it would be just nonmembers. We don't want to be discouraging groups from using our facility.

Reviewing our current wedding policy regarding the issue of who can officiate at a wedding in our sanctuary, the council feels that our policy already addresses this matter.

It was agreed that the Pastor has the final say as to who is allowed to perform a wedding in our church.

It was decided that the revision of the Wedding Policy should be put under old business for our next meeting. We will address the fee and damage deposit.

Council retreat – Pastor Mary

Online survey not tabulated yet.

Council members will be contacted with possible dates.

NEW BUSINESS:

Fire safe – Lynn will check with Sue Coady to see what items need to be stored in the safe.

THANK YOU:

None at this time

NEXT MEETING: June 12, 5:30

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REVIEW OF AGENDA: June 4 via email

DEVOTION/TREATS: Jason

ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn Deb/Stacy MSC at 7:48.

LORD'S PRAYER