

## COUNCIL MEETING

March 8, 2022

Treats- Linda

DISCUSSION OF RESPONSES TO QUESTIONNAIRE: Pastor Seth handed out copies of his summary of the questionnaire. He asked that we read through them and bring any comments/questions to the next council meeting.

CALL TO ORDER: Lynn called the meeting to order at 5:51.

PRESENT: Lynn, Dave, JoAnn, Deb D., Linda, Pastor Seth, and Debby J.

Beth, Frank, and Jane had been excused.

NON-COUNCIL MEMBER: None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion was made to approve the agenda as printed Deb D./JoAnn MSC.

DEVOTION/PRAYER: Pastor Seth led us in a time of reflection on scripture that reminded us that even when we feel we can't hold on to God he is always holding onto us.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PROPERTY- Dave- Women's bathroom- sink faucet and the toilet stall door have been fixed. The coffee maker was repaired. The dump valve on the left and the bypass valve on the right were replaced. Recommended filter will be installed to decrease the lime build up.

WORSHIP- Lynn-

Worship at Pineview Apartments will resume this coming Sunday after service at Interfaith Care Center.

Midweek Lenten Services- Will be at 6 o'clock and River's Edge had been invited to join us.

April 10, Palm Sunday – Will also be First Communion.

April 14, Maundy Thursday – service will be at 6 o'clock. There will be no Wednesday service that week.

April 15, Good Friday- Service will be at noon.

CYFED- JoAnn-

Update on: Bishop's Night had a good turnout of Faith Formation students, their parents, and also some other congregation members. Next year in addition to Elim and Salem churches we will invite the churches in Cloquet. Trip to the zoo was well attended by a group of 18 of various ages. We may possibly do this again when we are able to see more of the outside exhibits.

Card Project to connect with church members is going fairly well and JoAnn will be leaving some of the cards in the cabinet by the stairway.

Bethesda did not have any one attend the Cardia Deo Retreat that was on Saturday, March 5.

There are four students for First Communion class which will start on March 16 and first communion will be held on April 10, which is Palm Sunday.

4th and 5th grade Grow In Faith class will start on April 20 and go through May 25. There are four students signed up for this class.

Stewardship Challenge for 10th and 11th graders will start on May 4, 2022.

CYFED will be sending out Easter cards to pre-K through 4th grade in April and also looking at another activity for the youth for Easter.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Debby J. stated that her name is spelled incorrectly as one of the people who made the motion to adjourn. Motion was made to accept the Secretary's Report with the correction as noted above Deb D./Debby J. MSC.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Nita was not able to give us a report at this time. We will review the February report at our April meeting.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

Up date on phone calls - Pastor stated that he is focusing on connecting with families of Faith Formation students. He will work on the rest of the list in future months. Pastor will compare the list that he has with the one that JoAnn has that she is using for sending cards to congregation members.

Debby J. Asked if Pastor does any counseling. He replied that he listens to those who come to him with issues and then refers them to professionals as needed.

Mutual Ministry Team- Pastor that he has

selected two people and is looking for one more. Lynn stated that since she is Council President she will be on that team as an ex officio.

OLD BUSINESS:

Revamping website- Will it be secure? Yes! Team members at this time are Sue, Lynn, Pastor Seth, Joel, Christy, Robbi, Donald, Myrna, and Steph Erickson. Coady's' are going to pay for the set up of the new website. At this time it looks like the maintenance cost will be about \$60 per month.

Bobbie's new work schedule as church secretary seems to be working well. She will go back to her regular schedule in the summer.

Schedule of who will bring treats- Linda

April- Debby J. Oct- Lynn

May- Jane. Nov- Deb D.

June- Frank. Dec- Pastor Seth

Aug- Dave. Jan- JoAnn

Sept- Beth

Meatball Supper- Linda stated that there was a good response from the congregation for sign up this past Sunday to work on the meatball supper. Deb D. stated there were a number of people that wanted to work on preparation at night the week prior to the supper. It was decided that preparing the Rutabagas will be done Thursday night starting at 5 o'clock and working until done with that activity.

Mask mandate- since Covid numbers have greatly decreased in this area masks are no longer required in the church building. Pastor will make this update on the website.

NEW BUSINESS:

Crossroads materials- Debby got a copy of the information Myrna had presented to the congregation before Covid and gave this information to Pastor.

Consulting company- Lynn stated we have not received our check from them yet. Hopefully it will come before this fall.

NEXT MEETING: April 12 at 5:30

EXECUTIVE MEETING: April 5 via email

ADJOURNMENT: at 6:44 motion was made to adjourn by Deb D./Debby J. MSC.

Closed with THE LORD'S PRAYER

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Newlon, Council Secretary