

COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 11, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: Lynn called the meeting to order at 5:35.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Lynn, Dave, Pastor Jim, Frank, Deb, Jane, Beth, Linda.

NON-COUNCIL MEMBERS: None

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

DEVOTION: Pastor Jim discussed Affirmation of Baptism with the Confirmation students. One of them wanted to know how tell that he was good enough to be confirmed. Pastor went through the fruits of the spirit with them and explained that this is how we know if we are following God in our every day life. He explained to them that the people that we spend time with become a part of our lives.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PROPERTY: Dave- The one boiler was still having some problems. Both boilers are off at this time. Larry Beckstrom organized a group of volunteers to clean up the east end of the parking lot the last two Saturdays. Many loads of underbrush were removed.

CYFED: Linda - Confirmation of 2 students was held on April 25th.

Prayer labyrinth - Wendy is trying to schedule high school graduates for supper and the Prayer Labyrinth on May 22nd.

Senior recognition/Blessing - Will be held on May 23. They will also receive their quilts.

WORSHIP: Lynn reported that there were 61 people for in person service last Sunday.

If the congregation votes on May 23 to call Seth Wynands as our pastor June 27th will be Pastor Jim's last Sunday.

IFCC has given us permission to resume church service the first Sunday of each month.

At this time we are planning to do an outdoor service July 18 and August 15. We will do a Polka service the Sunday of Carlton Daze.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Motion was made to accept the Secretary's Report as printed Stacey/Beth MSC.

Correspondence- We received a thank you from the residents on the 1st and 2nd floor of IFCC for the geraniums that they were given at Easter. Thrivent Action Cards were used to purchase the flowers.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report as printed Deb/Jane MSC.

Nita has added a column so the format is a little different.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Jim gave us a short report about the Synod Assembly done by zoom on April 30 and May 1.

There is a great shortage of pastors. At this time there are no plans as to how to provide service to the rural areas that are without pastors.

Special recognition was given to pastors who have had a number of years of service. Pastor Jim was recognized for 45 years. Pastor Jim officiated for the funeral of Ken Olson that was held at Bethesda on May 7th. Pastor has also been called upon to do a graveside service for a man who did not have a home church.

OLD BUSINESS:

Sale of 1 1/2 lots - Lynn notified us that the Interested party will not be buying the lot. She cannot afford the increased cost of the building supplies for the house.

Work crew- Lynn reported that the work crew finished cleaning the 1 1/2 lots that we were possibly going to sell.

Light on South East corner a parking lot-Linda reported that it is now functional.

Lights on new signage- Lynn bought two solar lights and they will be installed soon.

Pastoral candidate- Lynn reported that there was a good turn out for the meet and greet of Seth Wynands. The congregational meeting on May 23 will be to vote as to whether or not to call Seth as our pastor and also to approve or disapprove the benefit package that comes to about \$75,000.

NEW BUSINESS:

Gardens by Bell Tower and Highway 210.

Linda stated that the kits for the pollinator garden and the monarch butterfly garden will arrive June 18. She put a notice in the newsletter that volunteers are needed to prep the areas and then to plant the plugs.

Election of Council officers- Motion was made for a unanimous ballot of the current officers Pastor Jim/Beth MSC.

It was suggested that we look at possibly changing in our constitution so in the future we can use zoom or another technology to have meetings and elections.

A special congregational meeting can only deal with one item at that meeting.

THANK YOU: To Larry for organizing the work crews that cleaned the 1 1/2 lots on the east side of the parking lot.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: June 8, Via email

NEXT MEETING: June 15, 2021 5:30, this is a week later than normal.

ADJOURNMENT: At 6:32 a motion was made to adjourn the meeting Dave/Frank MSC.

Closed with The Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Newlon, Council Secretary