

Council Meeting Minutes 6.8.2015

Jill called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Jalaine added 2 items to the agenda. Sandy moved, Connie seconded to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

Correspondence: Jill read aloud the letter from the concerned congregation members. Based on the recommendation of Bishop Mary, there were no names on the letter.

Mark moved, Sandy seconded to accept the Secretary's report. Motion passed.

Connie presented the Treasurer's Report. We still have a little over \$2000.00 to go to finish paying off the furnaces. Brian moved, Neil seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

Pastor's Report:

Luke has met with both the Evangelism and Property committees to discuss issues to be aware of

A special offering was taken on 6/5 to benefit the Allyson Norland scholarship fund. The congregation funded \$500 toward the scholarship.

Clean Boat Clean Waters—the youth have amassed 50 of the required 200 hours so far this summer.

The confirmation kids all asked Luke to confirm them before they left. Confirmation Sunday will be on July 26th.

Luke asked if there were any needs that we have before Luke leaves. Jill requested to go over the WoW format so that WoW services will continue.

Funeral: May 11, 2015: Don Monson.

Baptism: June 7, 2015: Brooklyn Ann Johnsen

Connie moved, Jalaine seconded to approve the Pastor's Report. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Education—There were 24 people who participated in the Hike for Habitat. It was a beautiful day. The church raised \$945.00. The church received the highest donation amount for a church and won the 20 hours of volunteer service from Habitat for Humanity. Those hours will go toward the Clean Boats, Clean Waters project for the youth.

Evangelism—The garden has been planted and things are growing! The committee met with Luke to discuss some things for the committee to keep in mind for future needs of the church. They also discussed the upcoming 175th anniversary of the church and the idea of creating a special committee to celebrate.

Stewardship—Eldon had nothing new to report from the committee.

Worship—A few members of the congregation have requested that we have WoW once a month during the summertime. The committee will be getting together to discuss 4th of July services and possibly candlelit cemetery services.

Property—The risers for the septic will cost \$38.75 per foot. Jeremiah figures we will need approximately 8 ft. which will come to about \$350 plus any additional costs that may arise once they get the septic system opened.

Connie moved to use \$500 out of the Memorial Fund to fix the septic system at the parsonage. Brian seconded. Motion passed.

Curt Meier got back to Mark about the brick faced sign in front of the church. He said that there wasn't really a way of fixing it. With parts and labor, the estimate came to \$2200.00—which Curt said would be on the high side. There would be a full cap on top of each of the pillars to keep moisture from getting down into the pillars.

Brian is working on getting an estimate on getting a seal coat done for the church parking lot.

Mark is talking to Nick Metz to get an estimate on fixing the window at the parsonage.

During the walk through with Luke, the idea came up to get an additional committee together (with people who have strong ties to the East) to come up with work plans. The property committee and special committee would work together to resolve the issues at the East.

Neil brought up a few concerns over the steeple at the East.

Courtney moved, Connie seconded to approve the committee reports. Motion passed.

Unfinished Business:

Update on office secretary—the interviews have not yet been scheduled. Jill requested that the interview committee be reformed. Neil, Brian and Courtney volunteered to be a part of the committee. Neil will be calling the 2 people who have expressed interest and setting up interview times.

Jill talked with Kay Wang about the landscaping. She has some rocks that she would like to have moved but that she is unable to do so. Elsa will be coordinating the plan of attack to get rock moved and mulch spread.

New Business:

Update on LYO meeting—The Bishop contacted Luke and told him that he is not allowed to attend the Youth Gathering and had he attempted to go, the youth would be banned. Carmen Meier stated that she had no desire to go if Luke wasn't allowed to go. An alternative option was suggested that the youth plan a trip of their own. Ultimately the kids voted (unanimously) to go on an alternative of their trip. Jill has been in contact with Bishop Mary and her assistant Steve and they are working diligently to get the money back from the deposit that was paid (\$3250).

Baptism supplies—Leona Meier talked to Jalaine prior to the baptism yesterday. Thrivent typically has provided medallion shells for those being baptized. They are no longer giving them away, but now they must be purchased. They cost \$3.75 plus shipping and handling. Luke will purchase them out of the worship supplies fund.

A few people talked to Jalaine about doing a potluck on Luke's last Sunday (July 26) after worship. It will be held in the fellowship hall of the church and open to the community and various groups that Luke has been involved with.

Discussion on items relative to Luke's departure

Jill talked to the Bishop and did some research on severance packages. Typically it would include 1-3 months salary. It would not include his current insurance premiums, but could include a short-term coverage package purchased by the church. If there are any congregation members who would like to donate money to Luke's severance package, they are able to do so.

The parsonage move-out date was set for September 1, 2015.

Luke has 2 weeks of unused vacation that will be paid out.

Connie moved, Mark seconded to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 9:05pm.