

Council Meeting Minutes: 7/14/14

Jalaine Ruegsegger and Mark Johnson had an excused absence.

Doral Olsen and Jill Thomas were absent.

Curt called meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Sandy moved, Carmen seconded to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

Connie moved, Carmen seconded to approve Secretary's minutes. Motion passed.

Craig moved, Elsa seconded to approve Treasurer's report. Motion passed.

Pastor's Report:

Worship in the park went very smoothly. Everything was moved there and back relatively quickly. The worship committee spent extra time working on the service and it showed!

The senior excursion went to Ella's Deli for lunch, then to Olbrecht Gardens. Everyone decided afterward to go get ice cream after all of the walking. They all really enjoyed their time together.

A/V update: Fuzzy's has the necessary wiring in place, Mark is working with Fuzzy's to get all of the outlets in place where they belong.

The paintings that were done during Lent will be displayed at the Monroe Hospital during Lenten season next year. We are hoping to coordinate a night for the congregation to go see them after they have been hung.

Website is still in progress.

Wednesday night service will be this week, out by the garden.

Pastoral acts: 1 funeral (Hazel Miller on July 1, 2014) and 1 wedding (Mallory Berrey and Joe Ballard on June 28, 2014 on a family farm).

Kaylynne moved, Carmen seconded to approve Pastor's report. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Education:

There will be a meeting in August for those youth interested in attending the youth convention. There is 1 more year of fundraising left!

WOW (Worship on Wednesday) will begin this fall. The service starts with a meal for fellowship, then a short, condensed service. Afterwards, there will be separate group discussions (men's, women's and kid's).

Evangelism:

Sandy and Luke met with a representative of LifeTouch for the directory. The first 2 dates for photographs are Wednesday and Thursday July 23, 24.

Stewardship:

The idea was brought up to have a compost bin to help with garden compost next year as well as serve as a way to help get rid of food waste without just throwing it out.

“God’s Work, Our Hands” Sunday is coming up in September. Council threw around some ideas for possible projects, including Refugee Resettlement kits and other community projects.

Worship:

Wednesday night worship is gearing up. Service will be around the campfire near the garden with s’mores afterwards.

Property:

Mark is still working on window bids and costs.

Mark, Del, Connie (Bocklund) and Luke took some time to go down to the East Church after it rained and noticed that the basement seems to flood. Substantial steps need to be taken in order to help preserve the basement, keep maintenance costs down and prevent further mold and mildew damage. These steps include, but are not limited to: removing the wood paneling (full of mold and moisture), old appliances (haven’t been used in years nor likely to be used).

Anything of historical significance has previously been moved from the East either to the Wiota church or to the church office. The main concerns now are the building.

Connie moved, Craig seconded to approve committee reports. Motion passed.

New Business:

The forum on same-gender marriage/blessings will be on Wednesday, July 23rd at 7pm. In preparation of possible political and legislative changes regarding same-sex marriage, the council would find it helpful for the congregation to make a decision allowing or not allowing same-sex marriage or blessings of same sex couples. This friendly forum will help our congregation make a decision so that a formal policy can be adopted for our church.

Courtney moved, Elsa seconded to adjourn. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 pm.