

Council Meeting Minutes 2.9.15

Jill called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm.

Kaylynne Meier had to leave early (8:30 pm).

Mark requested to add the subject of offering to the agenda. Eldon requested to add a fundraiser opportunity to the agenda.

Barb moved, Mark seconded to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

Sandy moved to approve the Secretary's minutes. Barb seconded. Motion passed.

Connie presented the Treasurer's report. Eldon moved, Mark seconded to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion passed.

Sandy moved to add the current council treasurer, Connie Redden, as a signature to the Sunday School savings and checking accounts at Woodford State Bank. Elsa seconded. Motion passed.

Pastor Luke gave his report: reflecting on the annual meeting, discussing putting last month's approved meeting minutes in the newsletter rather than highlights from the current meeting, the Norwegian Dinner was fantastic (served 240 people and had 60 carryouts) and the upcoming Lent season.

Pastoral Acts: Funeral of Karen Noble on February 9, 2015. Burial at West Wiota Cemetery.

Connie moved to approve Pastor's Report. Mark seconded. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Education--The committee will be sending out a questionnaire to the parents of the younger children in our congregation to see if Sundays work better for Sunday School. The LYO ski trip will be on February 27. The group will meet at the church at 5pm for a quick meal and then go to Tyrol Basin.

Evangelism--Craft for a Cause didn't have the expected turnout. The proceeds from the Bold Cafe garage sale this coming May and the proceeds from Craft for a Cause will go to Green County Respite. Marion Seffrood donated the batting for the Senior Quilts. The Bold Cafe will be putting the quilts together this year.

Stewardship--The two people in charge of the Refugee Resettlement Kits have been out of reach. We are continuing to reach out to them to get information to finish the kits and send them on.

Worship--Lent is coming and services are being planned. Holy Week will be upon us before we know it!

Property--There is a mouse in the Wiota church. Connie Bocklund has placed bait in a few strategic places. The sign at the front of the church has the incorrect worship time.

Brian moved, Neil seconded to approve the committee reports. Motion passed.

Unfinished Business:

Bulletins--Is printing bulletins redundant with our new A/V system? There was some extensive discussion among the council members and we are trying something new for Lent regarding bulletins.

New Business:

Clean Waters Project--The LYO will be participating in this project. After working 200 hours, they will receive \$4000. Cara

Carper has offered working the 2nd pier to the congregation. The LYO will most likely need help fulfilling their hours on their pier, so it doesn't make sense for our congregation to try to take on both piers.

Office/Financial Secretary--Council received a resignation letter from Brooke Ames as office/financial secretary. The position will be posted within and outside the congregation. The average hours will be 350 per year and pay will be \$350/mo. (\$4200 per year). Applications will be due March 6. The hiring committee will be comprised of Luke, Jill and Eldon. Neil moved, Brian seconded to write a letter of appreciation for Brooke for all of her service. Motion passed.

Latino Ministry--Pastor Ritch McLearn of Mineral Point is receiving a grant from the Synod to gather information on the need or interest of Latino ministry in Southwest Wisconsin.

LEAD Conference is coming up. It will be held on March 14. The event is titled "Preparing the Table: Whole Person Stewardship".

Offering--Mark brought up a suggestion regarding loose cash in the offering plate based on ideas from other churches. Mark proposed that three people count the loose cash in the offering plate every Sunday. There would be a slip of paper in the cash envelope that each person who counted the cash would sign. Brian moved, Mark seconded. Motion passed.

Fundraiser--Eldon suggested an idea for a fundraiser. More details to come!

Roster changes--The changes to the roster were brought about by the Stewardship letters that went out late in 2014. Anyone who did not contribute in 2 years was sent a letter informing them of their 'inactive' status. If, by the end of the year, the office didn't hear from those who received a letter, it was largely assumed that they did not want to continue their 'membership' at our church. Anyone who was removed from the roster should note that because they were removed from the roster, it doesn't mean that they will not be welcomed back or turned away from any of the services that our church can offer. The roster had NOT been updated in more than 2 years, which is why the number was so surprising.

Courtney moved, Elsa seconded to adjourn. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 10:52 pm.