

Council Meeting Minutes 9.14.15

Kaylynne Meier left early (9:10pm).

Jill called meeting to order at 7:02pm.

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

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

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

Pastor's Report:

Pastor Mae Jean will be gone from the afternoon of 10/11-10/13 for the Bishop's convocation and taking some vacation time from 10/15 to 10/23.

Mae Jean would like to create a group to help with home visits.

Mae Jean contacted parents to introduce herself and let parents/kids know when confirmation classes will be.

She also brought up the possibility of starting an adult learning class on how to be a whole/healthy congregation. Neil suggested maybe combining coffee hour with an adult lesson. It was decided that Mae Jean will begin with the first Sunday of November.

Mae Jean proposed leaving the main pieces of furniture in the sanctuary where they are, but moving the chairs in the front to the sides away from the cross. Courtney moved, Elsa seconded. Motion passed.

A congregation member brought up the issue of dropping members off the 'active' congregation list. Pastor Zelle proposed having 2 categories of membership: active (in good standing with the church) and 'legacy' or 'associate' for those who have familial history, etc. within the church.

Pastoral Acts: Zeek Daentl will be baptized on October 4.

Connie moved, Kaylynne seconded to approve the Pastor's Report.

Committee Reports:

Education: The committee met after last month's council meeting to get base plans into place. Lorene Peterson agreed to be superintendent and with the committee, planned the curriculum and lessons. Yesterday (Sept. 13) was the first day of Sunday School.

Evangelism: The committee planned Harvest Fest (October 17, 5-9pm). There will be supper (chili, baked potato bar). There will also be some fall activities/games. The garden is winding down, there are plans to paint the beds so they don't look so 'rough'.

Stewardship: The committee will be getting a copy of the time and talent sheets that we have used in the past to see if they need to be revised. Our Financial Secretary has brought up some concerns that the committee will be addressing.

Worship: Now that we have a regular pastor, the committee is hoping to work the kinks out of the a/v system. They are also working some leads on getting a new partner organist for the church. The committee is in discussion about WOW.

Property: Brian and Mark trimmed the trees in the front of the church and parsonage, Kaye Larson pulled weeds from around the parsonage. They will be getting some grass seed and straw to plant in the front of the church. They will also be getting a new thermometer hide-a-key and replacing it. They are hoping to get the half dead crab apple tree removed from the parsonage yard. Mae Jean had requested a new office chair in the basement of the parsonage. Mark moved, Sandy seconded that Mae Jean could go purchase a new chair, but not to exceed \$100.

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

Unfinished Business:

Financial Secretary: Kaye Larson has agreed to become the new Financial Secretary. Courtney moved, Mark seconded to accept Kaye as the new Financial Secretary. Motion passed.

Vacant Council Seats: The council will be talking to congregation members to see if there is any interest in joining council to fill the two 2 year partial terms left open by resignations.

New Business:

Survey: Neil and Todd worked on a survey that went out into the bulletins the last 2 Sundays of August. It wasn't a full council decision, and Jill requested that any decisions of that magnitude be run through council before action is taken.

There has been concern about using the office laptop as the 'presentation' laptop on Sunday mornings. A few donors have come forward to pay for a laptop that will be designated as a presentation laptop only. Courtney moved to accept the purchase of a laptop with the funds designated for that purpose, Connie seconded. Motion passed.

The October council meeting will be held on October 5 due to Pastor Mae Jean's absence.

Contracts:

Elsa Meyer church usage contract—wedding date: May 14, 2016. Sandy moved, Mark seconded to approve the usage on this date. Motion passed.

Sandy Potter fellowship hall usage contract—birthday party Nov. 7, 2015 (noon-5pm). Brian moved, Mark seconded to approve the usage on this date. Motion passed.

For the good of the church:

Connie commended Carmen for all of the work that she does for the LYO and taking pictures at worship.

Jill would like to thank Neil for holding everything together for the month of August.

Mae Jean would like to thank Lorene for stepping up as Sunday School superintendent.

Neil would like to thank Connie, Diane and Quinn as well as those who help in the background of worship.

Sandy would like to thank Jenna Bocklund for all of her work planning Craft for a Cause.

Mark moved, Elsa seconded to adjourn. Motion passed.