

Council Meeting Minutes 3.9.15

Jill called meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Brian Larson and Neil Swiggum had excused absences.

There were a few additions made to the agenda. Mark moved, Sandy seconded to approve the agenda. Motion passed.

Connie moved, Barb seconded to approve Secretary's Minutes. Motion passed.

Two furnaces in the church needed to be replaced (one died and the other had a crack). Because one furnace can't be replaced without replacing the other, both were replaced by Fritz' Burner Service. The bill came to \$6400. We had already budgeted for the replacement of the furnaces. Connie suggested that we paid the bill and then the money that comes in from the 'special call' envelopes replace the money used to pay.

We also had two bills (Norse Electric and Ford Appliance) that were outstanding. Eldon moved that we pay the bills out of the Repair & Maintenance Fund. Jalaine seconded. Motion passed.

Sandy moved, Mark seconded to approve Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

Pastor's Report:

-Luke reflected on the Wholeness Wheel as part of Lent

-Based on a motion at last month's meeting, and in an effort to be proactive with loose cash in the offering plates, Luke created a checklist of duties for ushers on Sunday (which includes counting the loose cash).

-Pastor's microphone (not part of the new A/V system) has been making loud popping and cracking noises. He dropped it off for repair today.

-Luke is taking suggestions and requests for two congregation members who would like to attend the Synod Assembly as voting members. The dates are May 30-31, 2015 in Middleton, WI.

-The Monroe Clinic Art Exhibit for the Lenten paintings from last year will be on March 19.

-Luke will be out April 13-16 (Institute of Liturgical Studies) and April 22-27 (vacation).

Pastoral Act:

Funeral: Allyson Norland on February 16, 2015.

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

Committee Reports:

Education:

Ski Trip—It was too cold to go skiing, so they chose to have a board game fun night instead.

LYO Palm Sunday Brunch—There are sign-up sheets at the church for those who would like to donate.

Sunday School Planning—The committee got together and put an article in the newsletter. They brainstormed kids in the area. They will be writing a letter to send to each of the households to gather information on interest, etc.

Evangelism:

Sandy is working on gathering information to get the Senior Quilts. One of them has been started. Seeds have been started for pepper and tomato plants for the community garden.

Stewardship:

Eldon is starting to work on a plan to get higher attendance rates on Sunday morning.

Worship:

Lent is in progress and Holy Week is coming.

Property:

It was decided that if Randy Paulson's bid was in the same range as last year's we would hire him.

Matt Berget came to council asking about a few very small trees that are near the property line with the field. He asked for our blessing to let him remove them at his expense.

Eldon fixed the bulletin boards last week to make them more sturdy.

Eldon will be fixing the gap between the concrete and the blacktop later this spring.

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

Correspondence:

The council received a letter from an anonymous congregation member (unsigned) regarding concern over the lack of attendance at church.

Unfinished Business:

Bulletin Update—A few people have talked to Luke about their concerns over losing how we do bulletins. Council decided to reduce the quantity of our subscription so we will receive fewer bulletins and waste less each Sunday.

Web site updates—Sandy moved that the council and/or office secretary update the website with the approved council meeting minutes each month. Mark seconded. Motion passed.

New Business:

Applications for Office Secretary—We have received two applications for this position: one member and one non-member. Luke, Jill and Eldon are on the hiring committee and will set up interviews with each of the candidates.

Harvest Ball/Church Raffle—Eldon moved that Connie apply for a license through the state to allow our church to sell raffle tickets as part of a fundraiser for our church. Jalaine seconded. Motion passed. The date for the Harvest Ball will be October 24 from 5-9pm.

Spring Clean-up Day—The date for indoor and outdoor spring cleaning will be on April 11 from 8-noonish.

Adopt-a-Highway—The date for highway cleanup will be Sunday, April 19 following church service.

Courtney moved, Elsa seconded to adjourn. Motion passed.