

Osseo Evangelical Lutheran Church Council  
Wednesday, November 9, 2022

1. Meeting called to order by President Dennis Barka at 7:00pm

Roll call- Molly Vold, Sheila Nelson, Ryan Olson, Nolan Olson, Don Erickson, Dennis Barka, Jill Welke, Pastor Terry Lorenz, Pastor Dave Hoadley, Deb Gregory, Donna Fonner, Tony Bohlinger, Shannon Hasz, Emily Wilkinson; absent-Mark Tlusty

2. Deb Gregory led devotions- Devine Intervention- Live for Today- and shared treats
3. Topics of the day:
4. Secretary's minutes presented  
October 12, 2022-
  - **\*Motion made by Ryan to accept minutes as read. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Deb. Motion passed.**

5. Staff reports

- **Administrator, Molly**

- Bills paid
- Financial report- October 2022
- Annual meeting- Sunday, January 29, 2023
  - Council in charge of coffee hour
  - Every member needs to bring treats

**\*Motion made by Emily to accept reports. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Donna. Motion passed.**

- **Pastor's report**

- The Osseo area Meals on Wheels program has inquired about using a space within the church as a central distribution point for volunteers who would pick up meals at OELC for delivery in the Osseo area. Dove Healthcare, Osseo will discontinue being a host site at the end of 2022. Meals would not be prepared here, that would happen in Eleva. This would involve them keeping 2 meal warming cabinets and a Thermos cooler here at OELC. This program operates Monday through Friday and they would be in the building for about 1 hour, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Action: Seeking council approval for Meals on Wheels to use OELC as a distribution site for their delivery volunteers. **\*\*Motion made by Jill. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tony to approve church as distribution site. Motion passed.**
- Molly and Betty will both be gone the day after Thanksgiving. I will be here unless something comes up. If so, I'll leave a note on the door with my phone number. Action: FYI only
- Confirmation is going well with the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade class. In person attendance has been very good and the kids do well with holding classes in the chapel. We are seeing a higher percentage of confirmands arriving after school, playing in the gym or hanging out in the fellowship hall, spending an hour in class, staying for the 5 p.m. meal, and then attending Wednesday Worship at 6 p.m. It's nice to have young members present and engaged at our church for a three-hour block of time. Action: FYI only

- Visitation Report: Molly, Pastor Dave & I have gone through the church roster to determine which members are home bound and still live in the area. Pastor Dave and I have divided up the list and have undertaken an effort to both make weekly visitation a part of our routine whenever possible. Visits I've made this past month: 23 Action: FYI only
- TV donated to OELC: a 46" flat screen TV with remote. Molly will use memorial money to purchase a decent mobile cart to mount it on so it can be used anywhere in the building. Action: in the current absence of the Special Gifts & Donation Committee meeting, seeking council approval for the purchase of a cart with undesignated memorial monies. **\*Motion made by Don. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Shannon to use undesignated memorial money to buy cart, if needed.**
- Quilts of Valor: Sunday, November 13 th at the conclusion of the 8:15 service. Local veterans who were nominated for this year's ceremony include: Chris Fonner, Harold "Norske" Nelson, and LeRoy "Buzz" Thompson. Action: FYI only
- Church Constitution: we have received an updated version of our church's constitution (along with a couple of other lengthy documents regarding constitutional matters). Amendments & Continuing Resolutions approved at the last NW Synod Assembly and most recent ELCA churchwide gathering have been included with explanations. **Action: seeking someone to lead the effort to update our constitution.** Constitution- Donna volunteered to look it over.
- 2022 Holiday Worship Schedule:
  - Thanksgiving Eve Community Worship Service, Wednesday, November 23 rd at 7 p.m. at the United Church of Christ Church.
  - Midweek Advent Services November 30 th, December 7th, 14th, & 21 st all begin at 6 p.m. in the main sanctuary.
  - Christmas Eve December 24 th 4:30 and 6:30 worship services with Holy Communion and candlelight singing.
  - Christmas Day December 25 th one service at 9 a.m. with Holy Communion
  - New Year's Day January 1 st one service at 9 a.m. - Lessons and Carols Service, no communion. Action: seeking council approval of holiday schedule.
- **Associate Pastor report**
  - First TGIF middle school event, pumpkin carving, went well. Seven youth and three parents attended. Next event in December, possibly Christmas cookie baking.
  - Senior high game night at Boards & Bricks is planned for Sunday, November 13 from 6:00 to 8:00pm. The store has a basement game room with many board and card games available to play. Christmas party in December will include painting of bricks on the youth room wall. Flashlights are available to promote the youth group.
  - ASP 2023 has 3 people signed up so far with 1 more youth taking the information home but hasn't returned it yet. I've made contact with youth and families via email and texts. First team building tentatively set for Wednesday, November 16.

- Two recent visitations, both people recovering at home from medical issues, another visit of nursing home resident Thursday.
- Letter sent to some families to try to update membership status, whether they consider OELC their home church. I will follow up with phone calls in the next couple weeks.

6. Committee reports/Ministry Report

- Committees start preparing for Annual Meeting- Part 2  
     Personnel committee- need to meet  
     Financial committee- need to meet
- Property  
     Rear boilers are up and running- bearings replaced  
     Tony did some painting around the church  
     Brick on the church sign not fixed yet- hopefully soon
- Harvest Dinner-  
     More help is needed- especially for cleanup  
     Cooking crew needs more help- asking council  
     801 meals served this year
- Other- Constitution- Donna volunteered to look it over.
- Other- Nominating committee- get names to Molly

7. Old business:

8. New business:

- 2023 budget- tabled until next meeting
- Other

9. Devotions & treats for December- Terry Lorenz

10. Meeting moved to closed session at 8:05

11. Meeting returned to open session at 8:45

12. Nolan adjourned with no objections at 8:50

13. Adjourned meeting with the Lord's Prayer

Next meeting Wednesday, December 14, 2022 at 7:00pm

Respectfully submitted,  
 Jill Welke, Secretary