

Osseo Evangelical Lutheran Church Council
Wednesday, December 13, 2023

1. Meeting called to order by President Ryan Olson at 7:00pm

Roll call- Ryan Olson, Jill Welke, Pastor Dave Hoadley, Deb Gregory, Marv McCune, Don Erickson, Molly Vold, Carissa Apland, Mark Tlusty, Orion Prudlick, Donna Fonner

Devotions & Treats-Pastor David

2. Topics of the day:
 - a. Super Bowl Party- Pre-Super Bowl timing
 - b. Tree fundraiser- dead/dying at parsonage- **Property committee making contacts with businesses for removal.** Ryan suggested “memorial/honorarium” trees to be sold with plaque to plant at church or parsonage.
3. Secretary’s minutes presented
November 8, 2023-
 - **Motion made by Don to accept minutes as written. 2nd by Marv. Motion passed.**
4. Staff reports
 - **Administrator, Molly**
 - Bills paid
 - Financial report

Motion made by Don to accept reports. 2nd by Mark T. Motion passed.

 - **Pastor’s report-**
Note: I am not able to attend tonight’s council meeting due to an obligation I agreed to when asked by Buzz Thompson to serve as a judge for the American Legion’s High School Oratorical Speech Contest taking place tonight at the same time as this meeting. Buzz has been very good to the youth of this congregation and community and I’ve always told him to let me know if I can ever help him out. So tonight, I am repaying him for his past support. In addition, who can say no to Buzz - the man...the legend...the beard!
 - Family Room chairs. The WELCA was wondering if we could just use the extra dining room chairs that are stacked up by the windows. They like the idea of the chairs not having arms. If we do, how shall we dispose of the current chairs with arms? Burn, sell, church thrift sale, etc.? Looking for direction from the council on how to get rid of the current chairs.
 - New lectern for Fellowship Hall has been purchased with memorial funds given in memory of Ernie Vold. The new lectern has its own PA system with 2 mics, a light and it is mounted on wheels. Our thanks to the family of Ernie Vold for their generous gift.

- All 4 stumps in the church boulevards have been ground out by Brad Durst. Brad will send Molly a statement for the work.
- One of the current groups using the gym for pickle ball have asked to add another day to their scheduled time. They will continue to have each participant pay \$2 per session. This means we now have pickle ball sessions on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.
- The 8th Grade Confirmation Class has been helping to lead the Mid-Week Advent services on Wednesday nights. One of my goals with confirmation is to make them more aware of not just what worship is but what it is to be a worship leader.
- Jamie Fremstad sought permission to hold her daycare's Christmas program in the chapel as she had nearly 70 people signed up to attend.
- Their program is Wednesday, December 13 at 6:15 p.m.
- **Associate Pastor report**
- I've told Central in Mondovi that I'd prefer to be done with coverage for them at the end of December. Since Donna is scheduled for the 31st, this would mean that Christmas Eve morning would be my last time there. The original agreement was for six weeks; as of December 31, I will have covered seven Sundays for them, and Donna will have covered three Sundays, all the Wednesday confirmation classes and worship services except one (due to a family funeral), and the Community Thanksgiving Worship Service. Pastor Carl is still planning to return, but the date isn't clear yet.
- Christmas caroling is planned for this Sunday, December 17 starting at 6:00 pm. Grades 6-12 and families are especially invited but anyone interested can join. The plan is to carol at selected houses in the area, then come back to church for a Christmas party with cookies and cocoa.
- After hearing about the senior high game night at Boards & Bricks, middle school youth asked for one, too. We've scheduled it for Wednesday, December 20 ASAP after Advent service.
- We're partnering with Elk Creek youth to volunteer to for serving a Sunday meal at The Community Table in Eau Claire on Sunday, January 21 from 1:00-5:00. All youth grades 6-12 and their families are welcome. There are some donations required of work groups that Jessica Berg and I will work out between the two churches.
- Elk Creek is planning a meeting after break to talk about ASP. Immanuel in Strum might also have kids interested.
- If there are projects around the church that would be suitable for senior high or middle school youth, please let me know.
- I'd be willing to use my truck if there is interest in creating floats for LMD and Christmas parade
- Thank you to the council for the card and gift card for Pastor Appreciation. I appreciate all of you as well!

Committee reports/Ministry Update

- Committee appointments
 - a. Christian education- Youth and Adult Carissa
 - b. Endowment- Ryan
 - c. Harvest supper- Deb- Pastor Terry fixed roasters that were in question. Mark T. donated a new roaster. **Motion made by Jill to put Harvest Supper funds raised into the General Fund. 2nd by Deb. Motion passed.**
 - d. Evangelism- Michael & Shannon
 - e. Property- Mark H.-chair, Ryan, Don
-parsonage- gutter have been cleaned
 - f. Special gifts- Jill
 - g. Staff support/personnel- Shannon
 - h. Stewardship/finance- Michael, Shannon 2024 BUDGET
 - i. Worship- Donna, Terry, Dave- going to meet after January 1
 - j. Youth- Dave, Orion
 - k. Food Pantry- Deb
 - l. Vision- All
 - m. Nominating- Don, Shannon, Ryan, Jill
-Stacy Holden, Jon Steinke...
 - 5. Old business:
 - Annual meeting January 28, 2024 – reports were due December 1
Council provides & serves for Coffee Fellowship
 - 6. New business:
 - a. Credit Card- **Motion made by Deb to switch credit card account from Alliance Bank to CCF. 2nd by Donna. Motion passed.**
 - b. Employee Retention Credit (ERC)- Molly is consulting with James Jordan, Lawyer contact through Realm, looking into \$\$ available for keeping employees during Covid- CARES Act.
 - Other
 - 7. Devotions & treats for next time- Michael Scheller
 - 8. Orion adjourned meeting at 8:15
 - 9. Adjourned meeting with the Lord's Prayer
- Next meeting Wednesday, January 10, 2023 at 7:00pm

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Welke, Secretary