

Osseo Evangelical Lutheran Church Council
Wednesday, December 14, 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, Mark Tlusty

2. Pastor Terry led devotions with a prayer of thankfulness

3. Topics of the day:

4. Secretary's minutes presented

November 9, 2022-

- ***Motion made by Emily to accept minutes as read. 2nd by Sheila. Motion passed.**

5. Staff reports

- **Administrator, Molly**

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

***Motion made by Emily to accept reports. 2nd by Shannon and not to leave Don out he was 3rd! Motion passed.**

- **Pastor's report**

- Requests for donations to Luther Park and Pine Ridge Center were presented to the council. Letters received from both sharing immediate needs in both organizations. No action was taken.
- Nikki Holmen had requested a leave of absence until Jan 1. She has indicated that she will be coming back January 1, 2023 with the understanding that she may require taking November and December off because of the demands of her full-time job. Council agreed to find someone to cover for Nikki for the months she requested.
- A gift of new choir robes has been offered by the family of Kenny Lindell. Denny and Jamie Lindell will seek input from the choir on color, style, etc.
- A gift of \$2000 has been given to update the lighting in both hallways between the two main entrances and the sanctuary. Action: council voted to accept funds and schedule project. ***Ryan made a motion to use those donated funds for new hallway lights. 2nd by Deb. Motion passed.**
- Meals on wheels will begin with OELC being a distribution point on Jan. 3rd. The back entrance will suffice for their needs.
- Pastor Dave will have the funeral service for Dale Olson. A focus has been for him to visit some of our older members to establish a rapport with them and perhaps family members.
- Visits for the month: 19

- **Associate Pastor report**
 - Senior high game night at Boards & Bricks was Sunday, November 13 from 6:00 to 8:00pm. 3 youth attended
 - Senior high Christmas party- 2 youth, we watched “Muppet Christmas Carol,” painted bricks in the youth room with good conversations. Next meeting January 8- event to be determined.
 - TGIF event planned for Sunday, December 18 at 6:00. Baking and decorating Christmas cookies to be available for Christmas Eve services
 - Pastor Terry and I took part in Reality Check, a program where students get to experience some of the financial decisions adults faced, at the high school with juniors and seniors from Osseo-Fairchild and Eleva-Strum students.
 - Currently working with O-F school nurse Ashley Hurlburt on providing products for students in need. Will continue to work with her to see how OELC can support.
 - Will conduct funeral for Steve Hoyme at Augusta-
 - Homebound- Five home visits, six more other contacts made
 - Membership- Ten contacts via phone/letter/email; 3 numbers not working

6. Committee reports/Ministry Report

- Nominating Committee- Dennis- finding people yet- need 4
- Stewardship/Financial committee- Dennis- % for utilities higher- could be as much as 25%
- Personnel Committee- Shannon- met have numbers to share
- Other-

7. Old business:

- Annual Meeting Committee reports-
Done- Property, Quilting, Harvest Supper, Sunday School, Choir
Being worked on- Endowment
Does anything need to be changed for the Annual meeting?
- Harvest Supper Funds- Sheila- request for sprayers for sinks and industrial can opener
- Other-church lights are done!

8. New business:

- Parsonage- Ryan is replacing dishwasher pump, new faucet for kitchen- council agreed that someone should do a checkup on the house every 3 months for small repairs
- Other- sand for parking lot was discussed

9. Devotions & treats for January- Mark Tlusty

10. Nolan adjourned with no objections at 8:05

11. Adjourned meeting with the Lord's Prayer

Next meeting Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 7:00pm

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Welke, Secretary