

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

Roll call- Molly Vold, Ryan Olson, Don Erickson, Jill Welke, Pastor Terry Lorenz, Pastor Dave Hoadley, Deb Gregory, Donna Fonner, Shannon Hasz, Mark Hoffman, Marv McCune, Michael Scheller, Carissa Apland, Mark Tlusty, Orion Prudlick

2. Devotions and treats: Don- talked about how one person can make a difference through one act of kindness.
 3. Topics of the day: Introduction of all council members
 4. Secretary's minutes presented
February 8, 2023
- **Motion made by Carissa to accept minutes as read. 2nd by Shannon. 3rd by Don. Motion passed.**
 5. Staff reports
 - **Administrator, Molly**
 - Bills paid
 - Financial report- January 2023
 - Treat/Devotions sign-up
 - Staff/Council contact information
 - **Motion made by Shannon to accept reports. 2nd by Donna. Motion passed.**
 - **Pastor's report**
 - Suggested guidelines when a special gift or donation is given
 - we would ask donor to consider allowing 10% of their gift to be designated for the general fund to help with daily expenses.
 - Electronic drum kit in the church chapel
 - Shawn Green would like to purchase it or work it off by serving as our sound booth person. Other family members would take care of live streaming. Audio & Live Stream services for a couple years in exchange for drum kit.
 - **Action taken- Marv made a motion to trade drum set for sound help. 2nd by Deb. Motion passed.**
 - I've been monitoring past problem areas of the church's multiple roof areas, checking for leaking as snow and ice have melted.
 - One notable area in the back entryway above the lady's bathroom door.
 - Visitation Report for February 2023 - 22
 - **Associate Pastor report**
 - The Tri-County Food Pantry asked us to do a soup drive, as it's an item that goes quickly. We are doing "Be a Soup-er Hero" month for March, especially asking for the "meal" type soups like Chunky or Progresso. We've already received quite a bit!
 - I'm still trying to get more sign-ups for the ASP trip. Presently four guys and three adults, we can still add as long as there is room at the site for the week.
 - Youth group meets this Sunday, snacks and games and maybe a movie. OFHS musical "Xanadu" performs next weekend, March 16, 17 & 18. A number of OELC youth are involved.
 - TGIF event had three kids and two moms here for family game night. Apples to Apples was the big hit, but there was also Rack-o, Connect Four, and checkers being played. Next TGIF is the Sunday after Easter.
 - The Lent series on the Prayer of St. Francis continues.

- Saturday, May 14 is the next Adopt-a-Highway Day. This will be the senior high event for May.
- Community worship events coming up: Community Baccalaureate May 17, at the high school. It's Dave Christianson's turn to plan that service. Lake Martha Days in June will be planned by the UCC and we have Thanksgiving Eve.
- A second letter went out to inactive members asking if they consider OELC their church home and want to stay in the database. I made some calls before the holidays and got lots of voice mails and wrong numbers. I didn't get all the way through the list but we heard from a few. I thought I should send an updated letter before trying again at this point.
- One new home visit planned for tomorrow, a second person declined and said she's trying to get to church. I plan to do another round of visits before Easter. Pigeon Falls Nursing Home has cancelled our monthly worship in both February and March due to COVID cases. I attended five basketball games in February and sent an e-mail to players from OELC on both teams saying they had a great season. Baseball and softball games begin toward the end of March.

6. Committee reports/Ministry Update

- Committee appointments
 - a. Christian education- youth and adult
 - b. Endowment- Ryan
 - c. Harvest supper- Deb
 - d. Evangelism
 - e. Property- Mark H.-chair, Ryan, Don
 - f. Special gifts- Jill
 - g. Staff support/personnel- Shannon
 - h. Stewardship/finance- Michael, Shannon
 - i. Worship- Donna, Terry, Dave
 - j. Youth- Dave, Orion
 - k. Vision- All

7. Old business:

- 2023 Line of Credit Renewal- signing Friday at noon- Ryan & Shannon signing-
- Name changes on accounts to Ryan/Shannon/Molly- Molly will notify council and put it in the bulletin.
- Temple talk- Ryan- nothing done yet- suggested April 16th both services & May 21 @ 9:00
- Pictures & Presentation of Council & Committees- Deb- picture taken after meeting
- Date of Lorenz home visit- tabled

8. New business:

- Loose offering to go to Osseo-Fairchild lunch accounts- approx. \$1000 needed/month.
- Other-

9. Devotions & treats for March- Carissa Apland

10. Orion adjourned with no objections at 8:00

11. Adjourned meeting with the Lord's Prayer

Next meeting Wednesday, April 12, 2023, at 7:00pm

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Welke, Secretary