

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

Roll call- Molly Vold, Ryan Olson, Jill Welke, Pastor Terry Lorenz, Pastor Dave Hoadley, Deb Gregory, Shannon Hasz, Mark Hoffman, Marv McCune, Michael Scheller, Mark Tlusty, Donna Fonner and Dan Newman- Topic of the Day presenter

2. Devotions and treats: Shannon Hasz- Ask and you shall receive...

3. Topics of the day:

-Dan Newman- read his letter in response to the congregational meeting on June 4.

4. Secretary's minutes presented

May 10, 2023-

- **Motion made by Mark T to accept minutes as read. 2nd by Deb. Motion passed.**

5. Staff reports

- **Administrator, Molly**

- Bills paid
- Financial report

Motion made by Shannon to accept reports. 2nd by Marv. Motion passed.

- **Pastor's report**

- Ceiling Fans in the sanctuary

- One no longer rotates so I've posted a sign asking that the fans not be turned on until we can replace them.

- Osseo Electric will give us a bid if we'd like.

Motion made by Marv to get bids for fans. 2nd by Deb. Motion passed. If winning bid is under \$1000/ fan get them replaced ASAP.

- WELCA will be purchasing 3 new toilets for the bathrooms by the main entrance. They will also be paying Osseo Plumbing to install them. After this project is completed, they will be taking a look at doing the same in the bathrooms by the main boiler room.

- Now is the time to be draining and replacing the fluid in the back boilers and lines.

- We paid to have it tested for disposal and are waiting to see what it would cost to replace.

- I had a conversation with Glen Schuster of Hovland's yesterday. He suggested that because it is very expensive to dispose of, maybe don't drain it but try to salvage it by treating it for bacteria. They would come down and inspect the screens on the pumps to see if there is crud or debris in the lines that might block flow to the pumps. At the same time, they would take a sample to see if it can be saved by raising the propylene glycol level.

- I will let him know what we'd like to do.

After some discussion- it was decided to test the fluid and try to salvage it.

- Signage around our campus

- Current signs are outdated and do not even mention a number of areas.

- I have taped some paper printed signs around the building as a trial run before we make a final list

- The list will then be made available to prospective donors. There is one family considering it.

- If there isn't a donor perhaps, we could print our own signs, frame them and hang them were necessary.

- Heating/Air Conditioning Policy

- Would like to have a proposed schedule for setting thermostats around the church property approved by the council in an attempt to provide some consistency, save money and avoid trying to satisfy many differing opinions on what the temperature should be throughout the building.
 - 70 degrees year-round when in use.
 - Whatever it may be when not in use.
- Proposal received on the restoration of the large stained-glass window in the east wall of the sanctuary.
 - We did not seek a proposal; Willet Hauser from Winona took it upon themselves to give us an estimate.
 - Just under \$18,000 for the one big window, nothing given with regards to remaining windows.
 - I will pass along to Property Committee
- Visitation Report for this month - 26
 - summer affords the opportunity for more visitation as other ministries are on break.
 - **Associate Pastor report**
 - The ASP trip is ready to leave Friday, June 23. Madeline Kestner has chosen not to go, so it will be the six hombres: four boys, Joe Tietjens and me. Donny Erickson and Allyson Barka arranged for a 15-passenger van from Osseo Ford. Frans Carlstrom has been a huge help organizing equipment and giving tips for the trip. Churches are in place for overnight stays out and back.
 - We are providing a group to do clean-up of the Lake Martha Days food stand on Sunday at 2:30. Some people have already signed up and we'll hope for more.
 - I've scheduled an OELC Family Night at the Merchant game on Wednesday, July 5. The deck will be reserved and we can choose someone to throw out the first pitch. Ideas for contests/prizes/games are welcome. Do we want to have items promoting the church available?

Committee for the Merchants game- Dave, Don, Shannon. Molly stated that she will work on getting the information out- Facebook event, etc.

- I sent a group of invitations to join the classes I've created on the Remind app, the same app the school district uses, as a way to communicate with both parents and youth. A few more youth and parents accepted, and I'm hoping to keep the word spreading so we get more participation.
- A fair number of families at OELC and in the community had their final child graduate in 2023. I'd like to plan an "Empty-Nest" evening at the church in the fall including dinner and program to acknowledge the ups and downs of an empty nest. Input invited.
- Our paver stone for the Veteran's Memorial was placed last weekend. I posted on Facebook a picture taken by Joey Hulett.
- I've provided a list with costs of items available to be sponsored for the Stoddard Park playground renovation. Equipment includes children's items, all-ages exercise equipment, some specialty swings, and benches and picnic tables, and starts at \$1,000. We can also give a general non-sponsorship donation for the main structure, lighting, surfacing, etc.
- The lighting at the softball field at Stoddard Park is outdated. Now that the American Legion is sponsoring a team, I'm planning to contact the parks, the Legion, and maybe the school to discuss collaborating on a fundraiser, with OELC as a part. An estimate I heard last night to replace posts and update lights was about \$100,000.
- I am asking that the numerical report of pastoral visits be eliminated. I make regular contact and home visits with homebound people, but also interact with many other OELC members and non-members in the community in many different ways. I feel the monthly reports don't adequately quantify the pastoral work I do

Committee reports/Ministry Update

- Committee appointments
 - a. Christian education- Carissa-
 - b. Endowment- Ryan
 - c. Harvest supper- Deb
 - d. Evangelism- Michael & Shannon
 - e. Property- Mark H.-chair, Ryan, Don
 - parsonage walk through
 - looking into water heater replacement
 - f. Special gifts- Jill
 - g. Staff support/personnel- Shannon
 - h. Stewardship/finance- Michael, Shannon
 - i. Worship- Donna, Terry, Dave
 - j. Youth- Dave, Orion
 - k. Food Pantry- Deb
 - more people are coming to use the service
 - l. Vision- All
6. Old business:
- Constitution- Donna working on it yet- Old one will be used until new one is approved by congregation
 - Suggestions-
 - Jill presented her idea of adjusting the time of the first Sunday of the month to 9:00 and having a split service with children singing then going with teachers to their classrooms at approximately 9:30. Service and students would both be done at 10:00. Minimal support....
 - Mike- Day care a possibility?? Questions asked. Ryan is going to ask some providers about their thoughts on it.
 - Annual stewardship committee
 - Band/concert series
 - Merchant night
 - 50/50 Raffle
- **Endowment fund was abused in the past for items not approved and will not happen again.
- Grants
 - The Lord will provide...
 - Ask for special gifts
 - Letter campaign asking for \$\$
- Other
7. New business:
- July meeting at Lorenz home: W18449 Cty Road OO, Strum
8. Devotions & treats for July- Pastor Terry
9. Adjourned meeting with the Lord's Prayer
10. Marv made a motion to adjourn meeting at 8:55

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Welke, Secretary

June 18, 2023