

**OSSEO EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL**

**Wednesday, March 12, 2014**

**7:00 PM**

1. Meeting called to order by President Stacy Smith at 7:00 PM
  - a. Secretary in place
2. Secretary's minutes presented for approval
3. Staff Reports
  - a. Administrator, Val Bergeman
    - i. Financial statements
    - ii. Finances and Bills to be paid: Debt balances: Demand notes \$6000.00, 5% on demand; Building Loan \$534,204.37 (as of 2/14/14) 4.625% due 2/1/2031; interest adjustment 2022; 7/1/12 amount refinanced \$575,053.88; \$5,000.00 line of credit United Bank (\$5,000 Line of credit, 4.75% interest - General Fund)
  - b. Parish Nurse, Jackie Tiller
  - c. Pastor Thompson
4. Committee reports
  - a. Christian Education
  - b. Evangelism/Outreach
  - c. Finance /Stewardship
  - d. Internship
  - e. Preschool
  - f. Property
  - g. Special Gifts
  - h. Worship
  - i. Youth: Cody and Pastor Les
5. Old Business
  - a. Vacation Bible School
6. New Business
  - a. Other
7. Adjournment with Lord's Prayer

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: APRIL 9, 2014 @ 7:00 PM (FOLLOWING LENTEN WORSHIP)  
Lenten worship at 6:00 PM; Soup supper 4:45 - 5:45 PM

OSSEO EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 12, 2014

The regular meeting of the OELC Council was called to order by President Stacy Smith at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, February 12, 2014. Members present included: Allyson Barka, Naomi Bodway, Stacy Smith, Vern Larson, Tali Kempf, Tom Twesme, Dionne Anderson, Tom Peterson, Cody Carlstrom.

Members Absent: Shannon Hasz, Kim Kubishak, Sarah Ewers

Staff present: Pastor Thompson, Val Bergeman, Intern David Tielbar, Parish Nurse Jackie Tiller, Youth & Family Ministry Director Pastor Les Munnik

President Stacy Smith welcomed new Council members Dionne Anderson, Cody Carlstrom and Tom Peterson.

Devotions were led by Tali Kempf.

Secretary's Report:

- ▶ Minutes from the January 8, 2014 were discussed. Val requested that the minutes referencing her position under Old Business be corrected to read as follows, "Val Bergeman presented for clarification her staff role for salary purposes, indicating that Synod guidelines varied depending on how the council perceives her job." Motion made by Tali and seconded by Tom T. to accept minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

Staff Reports:

- ▶ Parish Administrator: Val Bergeman  
Val gave an overview of the year-end closeout work she has completed as well as what she has been working on in addition to her normal day to day activities. She also presented the treasurer's report and reported that offerings to date were down \$4600 compared to this same time last year. Tom T. asked for an explanation of the difference on the General Fund Checking under Assets and General Fund Balance under Liabilities, Fund Principal and Restricted Funds shown on the January Balance Sheet. Val provided the explanation of the differences. Vern moved to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Dionne. Motion carried.
- ▶ Parish Nurse: Jackie Tiller  
Jackie encouraged council members to ask questions anytime. She reported that the Prayer Shawl Ministry is 1.5 years old already with 60 prayer shawls having been given out. Baptismal shawls will be given at every baptism beginning with the baptism scheduled for Sunday, February 16, 2014. Jackie shared that another part of her role is as a health resource for the Chippewa Valley area. A great deal of her time and other staff recently have been devoted to visitations to those congregants who are ill, hospitalized or are unable to attend church for other reasons. Pastor Thompson reinforced this statement as well. She mentioned that as older congregants become unable to take care of themselves, this requires her to work with them on transitioning out of the community of Osseo, not just the OELC community. A discussion followed concerning the lack of an assisted living facility in Osseo and what if anything OELC may be able to do.
- ▶ Intern Pastor's Report: David Tielbar  
Overall things are going very well for him. "The Shack" book discussion he is leading began Sunday 2/9/2014 with a good turnout. He continues to prepare for the upcoming Lenten rotation. The Seminary person will be visiting with him and Pastor Thompson February 17<sup>th</sup>.
- ▶ Pastor's Report: Lewis Thompson  
He is very pleased with the youth activities, the excitement they have generated and the support from both the congregation and the community. He provided this information in his most recent report to the Bishop.

He feels the scope of work for OELC is incredible for this year and that the work of the OELC committees is a top priority. He recently attended the Winter Theological event with Intern David. Stated that the Lenten season is well organized. Pastor shared that the Sons of Norway are at a point where they can no longer sponsor/handle the Lutefisk dinner. This may be something OELC may want to think about co-sponsoring with the Sons of Norway and possibly something they youth can become involved with. Intern David is doing very well in every aspect.

### Committee Reports

- ▶ Youth – Cody Carlstrom gave an overview of the youth groups as well as recent activities. C-ya stands for Christian Youth Alliance and is for high school students. It is non-denominational with four different churches participating and even some participants not affiliated with a church home. They average 20 folks at meetings/events.  
ASP – Appalachian Service Project – is starting to kick off with their pizza sale. Sixteen (16) youth are participating this year.  
Pastor Les spoke to the newly formed middle school program. TGIF – To Gather in Faith – is designed for students in 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grades. May 9-10 will be a lock in for this group. Several fund raisers are planned for TGIF with the first being a spaghetti supper Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at OELC. Others mentioned were Palm Sunday breakfast, a steak dinner in May and a Potato Pancake dinner @ UCC. Saturday March 1 will be a chili cook-off and talent show @ OELC. He is very appreciative of the support he has received for this program area and shared there is good community support for the combined program. He thanked Val for her help and support.
- ▶ Property – A \$2400 bid was received for church lighting repairs. However it was decided that replacement with more efficient light bulbs by members of congregation is all that is needed at an approximate cost of \$700. Stacy will approach the Endowment Fund Committee to see if they are willing to fund this. Pastor Lewis received an estimate of \$2500 for organ enhancements/maintenance. This too will be taken to the Endowment Fund Committee to see if they are willing to fund this work. It was determined that although the Endowment Fund Committee can agree to fund these requests, authorization to use these funds needs to come from the Council. A motion was made by Naomi and seconded by Tom T. to authorize the committee to pay for these repairs. Motion carried.
- ▶ Pre-School – Allyson shared with the Council that enrollment for next school year has begun for those currently enrolled and Congregation members. Beginning March 10 enrollment will open for those outside of OELC.

### Old Business

- ▶ Pastor Thompson provided an update on the OELC Highway signs. Teddy Simpson will begin repairs/changes in early summer.

### New Business

- ▶ Election of Officers – Nomination for the Council positions of vice President, Secretary and Treasurer were opened. Vern Larson was nominated and unanimously elected as Vice President. Dionne Anderson was nominated and unanimously elected as Treasurer and Tom Peterson was nominated and elected Secretary.
- ▶ Council Personnel – Pastor Thompson shared that Sarah Ewers will step down from her position on the Council due to health reasons. Along with President Stacy, he will look for a replacement.
- ▶ Council Membership on OELC Committees – Val provided copies of the role and responsibilities for the existing committees. Discussion focused on the fact that other than those for the Internship Committee, the others were outdated and needed to be revised/reworked/rewritten. Decision was made to have council members on their respective committee rewrite these for the March Council meeting. Further discussion followed leading to committee assignments for each council member.

- ▶ Vacation Bible School (VBS) – Val has checked with Luther Park Bible Camp(LPBC) to determine their availability to lead this year's VBS. LP has dates available the weeks of June 30<sup>th</sup>, July 6<sup>th</sup>, July 13 and July 27<sup>th</sup>. The June 30<sup>th</sup> week is a short session, 3 days, due to the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday. Their program is set up to run from 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM. This requires OELC to provide a VBS leader plus folks to supervise participants throughout the day. Musicians and curriculum are the responsibility of LP. Costs range from \$780 to \$1900 depending the week time slot selected and the number of students. A motion was made by Naomi and seconded by Tali to have LP lead 2014 VBS for the June 30<sup>th</sup> to July 2<sup>nd</sup> period. Motion passed.
- ▶ Request for Funds – Pastor Thompson read a letter from Bishops office regarding Malawi Pastor's Academy. It has been some time since OELC has provided financial assistance to our Malawi sister church. Motion made by Tali and seconded by Vern to send \$500 from OELC Mission Fund to support Malawi Pastors Academy. Motion passed.
- ▶ Insurance Liability – Discussion ensued on recommendation/comment by Bishop's office that congregations review their current policies to ensure that liability coverage limits are adequate.

Motion made by Cody and seconded by Tali to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned @ 9:57 PM

Next regular scheduled meeting will be March 12, 2014. Meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Peterson, Secretary

## BILLS TO BE PAID as of 3/6/14 ...

### GENERAL ~

Board of Pensions	6109.98
Pastor Thompson	380.24
<small>679 February miles</small>	
David Tielbar	15.12
<small>27 February miles</small>	
Jackie Tiller	231.24
<small>380 February miles; Walmart 18.44</small>	
Ingrid Thompson	8.51
<small>Menards</small>	
Carl B. Noelke	38.95
Fire & Safety Equipment	149.90
Creative Communications	445.23
VISA	954.63
<small>USPS 109.95; Office Depot 121.68; Sams Internet 648.00;</small>	
<small>Northwest Synod 75.00</small>	
United Bank	5,010.55
Northwest Synod <small>Assembly regis</small>	905.00
Hurlburt Heating	472.22
J&R Services	518.00
Augsburg Fortress	492.79
Higley Oil	29.25
Osseo Hometown Market	211.92
Sam's Club	
Stockman's	39.99
Vanco Services	19.00
ACS <small>software support</small>	141.50
TCC	54.44
*CenturyLink	154.40
*We Energies <small>est</small>	2,138.91
*Xcel Energy	845.64
*City of Osseo <small>est</small>	165.00
Salaries <small>(Est)</small>	9,135.00
IRS <small>(Est)</small>	1,600.00
Wis Dept of Revenue <small>(Est)</small>	237.00
✓CenturyLink	67.49
✓We Energies <small>est</small>	200.00
✓Xcel Energy	245.97
✓City of Osseo <small>est</small>	125.00
 Acuity Insurance <small>(May)</small>	 2,483.25

### DEBT RETIREMENT -

Thrivent Financial <small>Mortgage</small>	3,849.00
Demand notes interest	300.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,149.00</b>

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### Mission Fund

Malawi Pastor's Academy	500.00
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### Special Funds

Jackie Tiller	54.97
<small>USPS 15.60; Walmart 11.94; Michaels 27.43</small>	
Lorna Peterson	24.95
<small>Michaels yarn</small>	

### Endowment Fund

OELC SF Sound System	5,000.00
Organ maintenance	2,500.00
Salary & Taxes	1,493.00
Scholarships	1,000.00

### Youth - Family Ministry

Dionne Anderson	15.61
<small>Walmart</small>	
Media md	39.60
Osseo Hometown Market	63.65
Office Max	119.14