

OSSEO EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

April 12, 2017

I The REGULAR MEETING OF THE OELC COUNCIL WAS CALLED TO ORDER by President Betty Ward at 7:02 PM on Wednesday, April 12, 2017. Members present were: Betty Ward, Carol Dodge, Caroline Tietjens, David Lundberg, Erin Everson, Jody Groell, John Haugen, and Traci Loonstra. Members absent were: Thea Vojtik, Brett Jensen, Maria Paulus, and Mary Jo Halvorson. Church Staff present were: Pastor Terry Lorenz, Molly Vold, Deanna Klindworth, and Les Munnik.

II DEVOTIONS were led by Pastor Terry

III SECRETARY'S REPORT:

- Minutes from the March 8, 2017 Council meeting were reviewed and corrections made on dates regarding the Friendship Club activities. Motion made by Jody Groell and seconded by Traci Loonstra to accept the minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

IV TOPIC OF THE DAY

The Lorenz Family Medical Coverage Through Portico:

Pastor Terry initially waved the Health Coverage offered by OELC. Based on family changes, he is now requesting to institute Health Coverage for family. The Family Health Plan recommendation presented by the Personnel Committee aligns with the 2017 Minimum Standards for Compensation and Benefits. Discussion followed. Motion was made by David Lundberg to accept the recommended **Gold +** Medical Health Coverage Family Plan for the Lorenz family being offered through Portico. This policy will go into effect at the end of April. Jody Groell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

When Pastor Terry moves into the parsonage, there will be additional benefit changes, moving from Housing Allowance to Housing Equity. These benefit changes will need to be addressed at the May 17th Council meeting.

V STAFF REPORTS:

A. Parish Administrator's Report: Nothing new to report on this month.

B. Assistant Parish Administrator's Report: Deanna Klindworth

- Deanna Klindworth reviewed the month-end budget handouts, bills to be paid, and debt balances that were provided to Council members prior to the meeting.
- Motion made to approve the financial report was made by Jody Groell. Seconded by Erin Everson. Motion carried.

C. Pastor's Report: Pastor Terry

- Confirmation Update: Confirmation interviews are completed. Confirmands did a very nice job on their Faith Statements, and all are finished. A few of the Confirmands will read their Faith Statements during the Confirmation Service; all Faith Statements will be published in the Faith Statement booklet given out at the Confirmation service.
- Memorial Day Service: Pastor Terry will be participating in the services at Thompson Valley and Osseo Cemeteries.

- Summer Bulletin: A rough draft of the Summer Bulletin was presented to the Council. The same bulletin will be used throughout the summer. Summertime stewardship reminder will be included in the Bulletin.

D. Youth and Family Ministries---Les Munnik

- Middle School Lock-In was a great success and a fun time. Thirty kids participated. Good kids!
- The High School Bible Study group, “Not Your Grandmother’s Bible Study”, is meeting Sunday mornings between services. Naomi Bodway and Molly Vold are the leaders of this group.
- Luther Park Campers Meeting was held April 4th. There are approximately 17 kids planning to attend Camp. Students are able to sign up for work scholarships to help with the cost of camp. Proceeds from the Palm Sunday breakfast will be going to the youth working at the breakfast who are going to Luther Park Bible Camp this summer. Forty-eight Thrivent Dollars from the Coulee Boys Concert will also go to the Campers.
- T.G.I.F. All-You-Can-eat Spaghetti Supper, Thursday, April 20th in the Fellowship Hall. A free will offering will be taken with proceeds going to the youth working at the meal who are going to Luther Park Bible Camp this summer
- Bible School this summer will be held on four Wednesdays in August: August 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd from 4:00-6:00 PM. The program will be tied in with Ignite.
- First Community Free Meal is scheduled for Wednesday, May 10th from 4:30-6:00 and will continue every second Wednesday of the month. This meal will be called the “Friendship Table Community Meal”. Menu for May 10th is scalloped potatoes, ham, corn, and ice cream. All food has been donated.
- The fifty-five and older Friendship Club will be having a Spring Fling on Thursday, May 18. The Friendship Club will also be sponsoring a Milwaukee Brewer Game Bus Trip on Thursday, June 22nd. Details will be in the May Newsletter.
- Confirmation Mentor Dinner will be Wednesday, May 3rd with students, mentors, and parents.
- The Senior Breakfast will be Sunday, May 21st. Tammy Dahl and Shelly Christopherson are in charge. The speaker will be Rian Radtke (the newly elected Judge).
- Two, \$500 C-YA scholarship recipients have been chosen. Scholarships will be given to Ximona Peterson and Kameara Tiller.
- Les presented the C-YA/ASP Financial Report/Fund Balance
- Third Annual ASP Steak Fry and Auction will be held Thursday, May 11th. Price of a ticket is \$15.
- Stock Sale: ASP youth and adults are selling stock to invest in the ASP trip. The price of one share of stock is \$25.
- ASP is going to Jackson, Kentucky, Breathitt County, June 9-18.
- Caroline Tietjens reported on the ASP “Stack the Deck” workshop. Participants learned about poverty in the Appalachia Mountains.

VI COMMITTEE REPORTS/MINISTRY UPDATES

A. Property Committee:

- John Haugen gave an update on the Parsonage Remodeling Project: Small repairs are being made, starting to put windows in, and carpet installation is scheduled for May 8th, 9th, and 10th.
- Betty Ward gave an update on the parsonage window replacement and repair fundraiser called “Buy a Window”. Display is on the wall in the Narthex. The wall has a picture of a house, and you can buy a paper window, put your name on it, and then put it “in the house.” See Molly or Deanna in the office

to “Buy a Window”...(any amount...amount of donation is not written on the window...You can remain anonymous...tax deductible)

- Discussion on the parsonage basement floor. Motion was made by Traci Loonstra to complete the basement flooring. Motion seconded by Jodi Groell. Motion carried.

B. Stewardship/Finance Committee:

- Thrivent representatives plan to come to OELC on Sunday, April 30 to present a 12:00 PM workshop on retirement called “Retire Wisely”. They will provide a meal for the participants.
- Council members discussed the need in our church to build relationships and introduce people back into worship. Discussion followed with ideas on how to accomplish this.
- Stewardship/Finance meeting is scheduled for May 21. Executive Committee and Committee chairs for Youth/Family, Social Concerns, Worship, and Evangelism are asked to come to this meeting.
- May 21st starts the summer worship schedule with one service at 9:00 AM.

C. Personnel: Traci Loonstra and Handout Report

Personnel Committee is currently working on finalizing the Personnel Policies for OELC to be presented to the Council. The Committee hopes to have this ready for the May Council meeting. Review/conversations with Molly, Les, Deanna, Jim, and Dan regarding 2016 Performance and 2017 Goals are completed.

E. Kingdom Kids Christian Preschool (KKCP): Carol Dodge

- KKCP Spring Fundraiser is the Online Auction. This is the major fundraiser for KKCP. KKCP asks for all to share the information about the fundraiser on social media, word of mouth, etc. Auction **begins at Midnight on Monday, May 1, 2017 and ends at 6:00 PM on Sunday, May 7, 2017**. Contact Melissa Jensen if you have a donation. Donation item/s need to be to Melissa or dropped off at the church by April 27th.
- Last day for this school year is June 1st with an Open House at 4:00-6:00 PM. A short end-of-the-year program will be at 5:30 PM.

VII NEW BUSINESS:

A. The May Council meeting will be changed from May 10th to **May 17th** as Baccalaureate is scheduled for May 10th at OELC.

B. Northwest Synod of Wisconsin—Bold Generosity Program: Betty Ward, Carol Dodge and Handout

Arnie Rongstad, on behalf of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin, recently met with Betty Ward, Joe Tietjens, and Carol Dodge about the \$1.2 million Capital Campaign that the Synod has launched. This capital appeal is called Bold Generosity. The synod is asking each congregation in the Synod to consider making a monetary pledge which could be paid over one, two, or three years. At the 2016 Annual Synod Assembly, the voting members passed a resolution to jumpstart this three-year capital campaign. It is a collaboration with the 199 congregations of the NW Synod of Wisconsin to support six important ministries:

Connect: Technology Grants to Congregations

Equip: Walking Together Ministry (Education speakers/tools for clergy and laity)

Learn: Leadership Development (for rostered and lay leaders)

Support: Financial Health of Seminary Graduates

Partner: Malawi

Share: 10% ("In our desire to model generosity, we will share 10% of all the money raised with the Campaign for the ELCA.")

The Capital Campaign/Bold Generosity information will be brought to the Endowment Committee for discussion as to whether or not a donation could come from the Endowment Fund.

The Bold Generosity program will be addressed again at the May Council meeting.

C. One year Review of IGNITE: Review of how funds are handled. Worship Committee will meet and get back to Council at the May meeting.

VIII OLD BUSINESS

A. Church Mutual: Discussion on cyber security. Betty Ward will check into this.

B. Building Use and Fee Schedule: Fees charged to non-members and members needs to be updated. Jodi Groell and Erin Everson will meet with Pastor Terry to develop an updated Building Use and Fee Schedule Policy.

C. Easter Crosses: Vern Larson made the beautiful crosses in front of the church.

IX APRIL COUNCIL MEETING:

Next Council meeting is set for Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at 7:00 PM. Devotions will be led by Erin Everson.

X ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn without objection was made by Caroline Tietjens. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Dodge, Council Secretary