

OSSEO EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

January 9, 2019

I The REGULAR MEETING OF THE OELC COUNCIL WAS CALLED TO ORDER by President Traci Loonstra at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, January 9, 2019. Members present were Frans Carlstrom, Carol Dodge, Erin Everson, Mary Jo Halvorson, Denny Lindell, Traci Loonstra, Maggie Luallen, and Bella Nicolai. Church Staff present were Pastor Terry Lorenz, Molly Vold, and Deanna Klindworth.

II DEVOTIONS were led by Pastor Terry

III SECRETARY'S REPORT:

- Minutes from the December 12, 2018 Council meeting were presented and reviewed. Corrections made to the minutes are as follows:
 - **Section V, Committee Reports: C. Endowment:** First bullet should read:
Two vacancies will need to be filled for the two members ending their terms.
****Motion was made by Eric Rogness and seconded by Erin Everson to approve Jody Groell and Stuart Dodge as the 2019 candidates for the Endowment Committee.*
 - **Section V, Committee Reports: D. Personnel-Custodian:** First bullet should read:
We are not reposting. Nikki is taking over the extra hours.
 - **Section VII, New Business: B. Annual Meeting:** *Date should be January 27, 2019*
 - **Section VII, New Business: C. Staff Discussion:** Second bullet should read:
Motion was made by Frans Carlstrom and seconded by Maggie Luallen to make a Praise Team position that will cover accompanist for IGNITE at a salary of \$3,150. Motion Carried.
- *****Motion made** by Maggie Luallen and seconded by Mary Jo Halvorson to accept the minutes including the changes noted above. **Motion carried.**

V STAFF REPORTS:

A. Parish Administrator's Report: Molly Vold

- Molly reviewed the "Bills to be Paid" portion of the monthly financial report.
- Molly reported that the remodeling of the church office has begun. WELCA has approved the purchase of a new desk for Molly.
- The KKCP (Kingdom Kids Christian Preschool) Room will become a Youth Room. Molly suggested that the Youth help with reorganizing the room once the KKCP materials have been sorted. Council unanimously agreed that the KKCP Room should be used as a Youth Meeting/Gathering Room.

B. Assistant Parish Administrator's Report - Deanna Klindworth

- Auditors have finished their audit. All is good.
- **Finances, Debt Balances:** Deanna reviewed the month-end budget handouts that were provided to Council members prior to the January meeting. *****Motion made** to approve the financial report was made by Frans Carlstrom. Seconded by Erin Everson. **Motion carried.**

C. Pastor's Report: Pastor Terry

- 1. Vacation:** Pastor Terry will be gone Monday, February 4th through Monday, February 18th. Jenny Hatleli will lead worship. Pastor Terry will ask an area pastor to cover emergencies and funerals during his vacation.
- 2. Area Ministry Strategy Meeting for Dairyland Conference Churches** will take place at OELC on Thursday, January 24th from 6 to 8 PM. Pastor Terry and up to five others from OELC are invited to attend. If you would like to attend, pre-register by letting Pastor Terry know you would like to attend. This is an informational meeting focusing on the future structure of churches.
- 3. Presentation on Opioid Abuse** will take place on Tues., February 19th at Luther Park from 9 to 3 PM. This presentation is free and open to anyone to attend.
- 4. Sineage At Entrances to Church:** Pastor Terry asked the Council to think about putting signs at the entrances to the church to make it easier for people to know where to go. Suggestions are: At the South Entrance include signs for the Church Office, Fellowship Hall, Sanctuary, and Gym. At the North Entrance signs needed for the Library, Chapel, Sunday School, and Sanctuary. The sign on the outside South Entrance of the church (the old KKCP sign) could include Additional Parking, Gym, Youth Room, Quilting Room.
- 5. Home School Group:** Pastor Terry has put in a request to OELC's insurance company to see if our premiums would change and if so, how much.
- 6. Praise Team Leader/Ignite Interest:** Rich and Cyndi Lund have made a proposal to begin with the leadership of the Praise Team working within the proposed budgeted amount of \$3,150.
- 7. Plumbing Issues Taken Care Of:** The sacristy sink drains properly now, the valve has been replaced in the men's bathroom by the boiler room, the leak in the kitchen coffee maker is fixed, and the water flow has been restored to the Sunday School bathroom.
- 8. Heating Problems Taken Care of:** The radiator by the main entrance has been cleaned and is OK. The rest of the radiators will be cleaned out by Carl Holmen. The valve for the radiators across from the office is unstuck and working.
- 9. Constitution Status:** We have already accepted the amendments to the Model Constitution. We will revisit this matter later in the year to see about additional amendments and continuing resolutions.
- 10. Chapel Gift:** OELC has received a gift of \$6,500 to go towards putting air conditioning in the Chapel.

V COMMITTEE REPORTS/MINISTRY UPDATES

- A. Youth-CYA:** One more female is needed for the ASP trip. Pizza forms are due Friday, January 11th. Pizza Making is Friday January 25th and Saturday, January 26th. A sign-up for volunteering at the Pizza Making Days is on the table outside the church office. Adult Youth leaders will be meeting Monday, January 14th to plan activities for the next few months.
- B. Property Committee—Little Parsonage:** The Little Parsonage is rented starting February 1, 2019. The rent is \$500 per month. Renter pays all utilities and a \$500 deposit.
- C. Endowment:** No update.
- D. Personnel—Custodian and Praise Team Director:**
Nikki will be taking over the extra hours—no new custodian will be hired.
Praise Team Director: The Lund's proposal in regard to the leadership of the Praise Team will be brought to the Personnel Committee for review and approval.
- E. Nominating Committee:** Candidates are:
 - a. Delegates to the NW Synod Assembly: Carol Dodge, Linda Ness, Allyson Barka

- b. Church Council Candidates: Jered Kuehn, Linda Heiman, Brent McCune, Patty Hoffman
Youth Council Rep: Wyatt McCune
- c. Nominating Committee: Erin Everson, Thea Vojtik, Mary Jo Halvorson, Allyson Barka,
Linda Ness
- d. Endowment Fund Committee Candidates: Jody Groell and Stuart Dodge

F. Worship Committee:

- a. Noisy Offering: The Worship Committee recommended that the Noisy Offering for January through March go to “Week-End Kids” meal program at O-F Schools. *****Motion** made by Erin Everson and seconded by Maggie Luallen to approve the Worship Committee’s recommendation that the Noisy Offering go to the O-F “Week-End Kids” meal program. Motion carried.
- b. IGNITE: Pastor Terry will have an eight-week sermon series that will lead up to Lent. The IGNITE service will be held in the Chapel.

G. Stewardship/Finance Committee: The Committee is working on the 2019 Proposed Budget. The next Stewardship Breakfast is January 13th during the Special Congregational Meeting.

H. Organ Committee: Still working on this

VII OLD BUSINESS

- A. **Home School Group Proposal:** Would the Home School group carry their own insurance? Pastor Terry is trying to get information about the insurance issue from Church Mutual, which is OELC’s insurance company.
- B. **IGNITE Discussion:** A plan for the next 8 weeks is in place, leading up to Lent. We will be participating in the Lent Round Robin program with other churches.
- C. **Special Congregational Meeting---January 13, 2019:** President Loonstra explained the power point that would be used for the Special Congregational Meeting. Discussion followed. Things needed for the meeting are three microphones, a projector, a screen, paper ballots, and pencils. Counters of the ballots will be Maggie Luallen, Carol Dodge, and Erin Everson. If the Congregation votes to approve an Associate Pastor, Council will need to meet right after the Congregational Meeting to generate names for a Call Committee. The Council will need to bring the names of seven candidates for the Call Committee to the Annual Meeting for approval. The Annual Meeting is Sunday, January 27th.
- D. **Annual Meeting---January 27, 2019:** The Annual Meeting Agenda was reviewed. Council will serve refreshments for the Annual Meeting. Council members are asked to bring a pan of bars and be in the Fellowship Hall at 7:30 AM to help with setting up. There will be a reorganizational meeting after the Annual Meeting for the new Council members and the returning Council members.

VI NEW BUSINESS

VII FEBRUARY COUNCIL MEETING is scheduled for Wed., February 13th at 7:00 PM

VII DEVOTIONS FOR FEBRUARY: ??????

X ADJOURNMENT:

Motion to adjourn without objection was made by Bella Nicolai. Meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Dodge, Acting Council Secretary