

OSSEO EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

March 8, 2017

I The REGULAR MEETING OF THE OELC COUNCIL WAS CALLED TO ORDER by President Betty Ward at 8:01PM on Wednesday, March 8, 2017. Members present were: Betty Ward, Traci Loonstra, Jody Groell, Dave Lundberg, John Haugen, Maria Paulus, Carol Dodge, Erin Everson, Mary Jo Halverson, Dave Lundberg, and Caroline Tietjens. Member absent was: Thea Vojtik. Church Staff present were: Pastor Terry Lorenz, Molly Vold, Deanna Klindworth, and Les Munnik.

II DEVOTIONS were led by Jodi Groell

III TOPIC OF THE DAY

A. Endowment Committee—Joe Tietjens (President of Endowment Fund Committee)

- Joe Tietjens presented and discussed the Endowment Committee's recommended disbursement for 2017
- Motion made by Traci Loonstra to approve the recommendation of the Endowment Committee of a 4% disbursement of \$41,629.48 for 2017. Motion seconded by Erin Everson. Motion carried

B. Insurance Proposal from Church Mutual---Steve Loos (Church Mutual Insurance Representative)

- Steve Loos from Church Mutual explained, in depth, the insurance proposal drawn up for OELC.
- Church Mutual is the preferred and recommended carrier for the ELCA
- Discussion followed Mr. Loos presentation
- Motion made by Brett Jensen to go with Church Mutual for insurance coverage for OELC. Motion seconded by John Haugen. Motion carried.

IV SECRETARY'S REPORT:

- Minutes from the February 8, 2017 Council meeting were reviewed. Motion made by Traci Loonstra and seconded by Jody Groell to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

V STAFF REPORTS:

A Parish Administrator's Report: Molly Vold

Thrivent would like to come to OELC to speak on Tuesday, May 16, 2017. Decision was made to wait for Stewardship/Finance Committee Meeting to discuss this before making a decision on Thrivent's presentation.

B Assistant Parish Administrator's Report: Deanna Klindworth

- Deanna Klindworth reviewed the month-end budget handouts and bills that were provided to Council members prior to the meeting.
- Motion made by Jody Groell to renew OELC's line of credit, increasing the line of credit from \$10,000 to \$25,000. Motion seconded by Traci Loonstra. Motion carried.

C Pastor's Report: Pastor Terry

- There are twenty-six students in the First Communion Class.
- Faith Statement interviews are currently going on in the eighth grade Confirmation class. Vern Larson and Tina Bollinger have given of their time and talents in assisting with this Confirmation class and will be invited to be part of the Confirmation service and be part of the Confirmation picture.

- Pastor Terry will be on vacation next week, March 13-19. Les will have Mar. 19 services.
- Pastor Terry asked to be able to continue helping the Eleva-Strum Track team during the 2017 track season. This will be the last year he will have the opportunity to coach his son in track as his son graduates this year. Pastor Terry will come into the office early in the AM and leave for track practice around 3:15 PM on days of practice (weather permitting). Pastor Terry will have his church cell phone with him during track practice in case of any OELC emergencies.
Council had no concerns in regard to this plan.

D Youth and Family Ministries---Les

- Caroline Tietjens reported that the ASP Pizza Making Days were a huge success with many people volunteering their time on Wednesday and Friday evenings and Saturday morning and afternoon. There are extra sausage/pepperoni pizzas for sale.
- Les Munnik presented the C-YA/ASP Financial Report/Fund Balance
- Sunday, March 5, 2017, C-YA served supper to approximately sixty people involved in the community play.
- The Luther Rose Lego project was completed by the Confirmation kids.
- March 19, 2017, ASP will be sponsoring Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall.
- Molly Vold and Naomi Bodway have started a High School Bible Study Class called "Not Your Grandmother's Bible Study". The class takes place on Sundays between first and second services. All ninth through twelfth grade students are welcome.
- Junior High Lock-In will take place on March 31, 2017.
- April 2, 2017, Sunday School teachers will meet at Les's home.
- Wednesday, May 11 is scheduled for the first Free Community Meal. The plan is for the Free Meal program to take place on the second Wednesday of each month.
- The Friendship Club has gotten off to a good start with 53 people attending the Valentine Dinner. The next activity for the Club will be the Spring Fling on May 18, 2017. A bus trip to the Brewer's game is scheduled for June 23, 2017.
- Les is half way through his two classes: Theology and Lutheran Heritage

VI COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A Property Committee:

- John Haugen gave an update on Parsonage Remodeling Project: New wallpaper is up, painting is done, carpet is in and waiting for installation, which will not take place until the window repairs and replacements are finished. The windows will be ready for installation after they are stained and varnished.
- The committee formed to brainstorm ideas for Fundraising to raise money for the repair and replacement of the parsonage windows met and came up with a fundraising idea. Betty Ward reported that the committee will be setting up a display in the Narthex where anyone can donate money toward the windows. The person donating will put their name on a paper window and that window will become part of the display. The amount of money the person is donating will be confidential. The goal is to raise \$10,500 for window repairs and replacement. More information will be coming in the April Newsletter and upcoming bulletins. Council members felt this was a great idea!

B Update Committee Descriptions: Council members who have not already done so, are to give their updated committee descriptions to President Ward.

C Written Committee Reports at Council Meeting: Written reports are welcome, but make sure every Council member gets a copy of your report.

D Stewardship/Finance Committee: Working on Thrivent

E Kingdom Kids Christian Preschool (KKCP): Carol Dodge and Handout Report

- Update on financial status: KKCP has used \$300 from the Endowment Fund to meet their budget responsibilities
- Patricia Hoffman will serve as the KKCP substitute teacher when needed. She will also be working two hours at KKCP, which will allow Patricia to learn the curriculum and stay connected to the staff, children, and families. Director Melissa Jensen is giving up two hours on Monday and giving those two hours to Patricia; so there is basically no extra cost in this plan. Erin Everson is now able to be on her own in the classroom. KKCP Board and staff again want to express sincere thanks for all the support from the Council and the Congregation!
- KKCP Spring Fundraiser is the Online Auction. Auction **begins at Midnight on Monday, May 1, 2017 and ends at 6:00 PM on Sunday, May 7, 2017**. KKCP is looking for donations of items for the auction. Contact Melissa Jensen if you have a donation.

F Social Concerns Committee -Handout Report

The Friendship Club Valentine's Day Party received many positive comments regarding the food and program length. The next Friendship Club event will be on May 18th. The theme will be "Spring Fling". Entertainment will possibly be high school choir members. A bus trip is tentatively being planned for Friday, June 23rd to a Brewer game and a behind-the-scenes tour of the facilities before the game starts. This event will be open to everyone, not just 55 and older. The first Free Community Meal is being planned for May 10th at OELC from 4:30-6:30 PM. The committee decided to start with monthly meals on the second Wednesday of the month to coincide with IGNITE services. The next Social Concerns Committee meeting is scheduled for April 2nd between services.

VII NEW BUSINESS:

The OELC Choir will be performing at Grace Lutheran church on Saturday, March 11, 2017 at 7:30 PM.

VIII OLD BUSINESS

A. Easter Crosses: Vern Larson and Betty Ward are working on this.

B. Organ Restoration: Jim and Dan Newman are meeting with people between services to answer any questions and/or address concerns.

C. Automated Heating Controls for Sunday School Wing: Tabled

D. Building Use Policy: Tabled

IX APRIL COUNCIL MEETING:

Next Council meeting is set for Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at 7:00 PM. Devotions will be led by Pastor Terry.

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