

OSSEO EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

October 10, 2018

**I The REGULAR MEETING OF THE OELC COUNCIL WAS CALLED TO ORDER** by President Traci Loonstra at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, October 10, 2018. Members present were: Frans Carlstrom, Carol Dodge, Erin Everson, John Haugen, Maggie Luallen, David Lundberg, Bella Nicolai, and Eric Rogness. Church Staff present were: Pastor Terry Lorenz, Molly Vold, Jim Newman, and Deanna Klindworth.

**II DEVOTIONS were led by Bella Nicolai and Carol Dodge**

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**III Topic of the Day: 2019 Budget**

Stewardship and Finance team has started to plan the 2019 OELC Budget. They would like each Committee and staff member to look at their monetary needs for 2019. Submit your requests for what funds you anticipate needing in 2019, and what the money would be used for, to Traci Loonstra by November 1<sup>st</sup>.

**IV SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

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- Minutes from the September 12, 2018 Council meeting were reviewed. **\*\*\*Motion made** by Maggie Luallen and seconded by Dave Lundberg to accept the minutes. **Motion carried.**

**V STAFF REPORTS:**

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**A. Parish Administrator's Report:** Molly Vold

- Molly reviewed the "Bills to be Paid" portion of the monthly financial report.
- Molly has volunteered to teach the seventh grade Confirmation class for this year. All is going well.

**B. Assistant Parish Administrator's Report -** Deanna Klindworth

- The balance in the Kingdom Kids Christian Preschool account has been moved to the General Account. This will be the last month KKCP (Kingdom Kids Christian Preschool) will be on the budget report.
- **Finances, Debt Balances:** Deanna reviewed the month-end budget handouts that were provided to Council members prior to the October meeting. **\*\*\*Motion made** to approve the financial report was made by Dave Lundberg. Seconded by Eric Rognessl. **Motion carried.**

**C. Pastor's Report:** Pastor Terry

- 1. Baptismal Font:** Discussion on possibility of making the font moveable so that during a Baptism, the font could be moved to the center of the church, just below the altar. By doing so, the Congregation would be able to witness the Baptism better and feel more a part of the Baptism. Council agreed that this would be a good idea. Pastor Terry and John Haugen will investigate what would need to be done to make this happen.
- 2. Development of West Side Church Property:** Funds have been donated to develop the west side of the church property. OELC has received approximately \$3,000 for this project. In the future, we will be looking for volunteers to be on a committee to look into this project.
- 3. Sunday School Roof:** The roof, right now, seems to be good; no signs of leaking. This is something that will be monitored.

4. **Chapel:** Pastor Terry updated the Council on the progress of the Chapel. The Council discussed sharing the cost of replacing the carpet in the Sunday School Hallway area. For more information on the carpet, see **VII Old Business** in these minutes. Council also discussed the future possibility of installing air conditioning in the Chapel.
5. **Benches made by Nick Barka:** OELC has the opportunity to receive free stain from the Strum Hardware Store to stain the benches. Council agreed that we certainly should take advantage of this generous offer.

## **VI COMMITTEE REPORTS/MINISTRY UPDATES**

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### **1. Harvest Supper:** Eric Rogness

- Date for the supper is October 24<sup>th</sup>. The sign-up for volunteers is going well.
- Lefse Making Days had a good turnout. Over 1,400 lefse rounds were made!

### **2. Stewardship/Finance Committee:**

- The “Can You Imagine” stewardship message was discussed. The Congregation was introduced to “Can You Imagine” at the Temple Talk. A Stewardship Message with the “Can You Imagine” theme is published in the October Newsletter and will also be included in the November Newsletter.
- The next Stewardship/Finance Breakfast is scheduled for Sunday, November 11 between first and second services. All donations will go to the Sunday School’s campaign for Barnyard Animals.
- Reverend Erin Nelson, Assistant to the Bishop of the NW Synod of Wisconsin, will be preaching at OELC on Sunday, December 2, 2018. Her message at both services will focus on Stewardship.
- Committee is looking into selling personalized desktop calendars as a possible fund raiser.

### **3. Property Committee:**

- Little Parsonage: The renter in the Little Parsonage is moving out effective the end of October. The renter and John Haugen, as a member of the Property Committee, will do a “walk through” of the Little Parsonage to determine return of the Security Deposit.
- Parsonage: There is a problem with the cement on the right side of the parsonage. The cement and steps there are a liability right now. Suggestion is to replace the cement with a deck on the right side of the house. The Property Committee will look into this.
- Garage: Shingling...Nothing has been done as yet.

### **4. Organ Committee Update:**

The committee will have more information for the next Council meeting.

### **5. C-YA:**

The “Sleep in Heavenly Peace” event will take place on Sunday, November 11<sup>th</sup> from noon to 4:00 PM. It will be held at SourceCut Industries. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Frans Carlstrom. Also check out the Giving Tree at OELC for additional support opportunities for this event. Quilters are donating twenty quilts to “Sleep in Heavenly Peace”.

### **6. Godstock Youth Gathering**

Godstock takes place at the Metropolis Resort in Eau Claire on November 9-11<sup>th</sup>. Registration needs to be in by October 26, 2018. Cost is \$85 to register. This fee does not include lodging or the Saturday meal. Information will be going out to OELC High School students to see who is interested.

The Endowment Committee has discussed donating some monies toward the cost for any OELC High School student wanting to attend Godstock.

## **VII OLD BUSINESS**

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### **A. Chapel Update: Carpet**

The Endowment Committee has voted, in their committee, to approve an allocation of \$3,000 to go toward the cost of the carpet in the Sunday School wing.

\*\*\***Motion was made** by Eric Rogness for the OELC Council to accept the Endowment Committee's approval to finish the carpet in the Sunday School hallway at a cost of \$3,000. Motion was seconded by Maggie Luallen. **Motion carried.**

### **B. 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: Maggie Luallen**

Celebration will start with a church service at 10:00 AM. A pot luck dinner in the Fellowship Hall will follow the church service. OELC is supplying barbecues, cupcakes, and beverages. The celebration will end with a program in the Sanctuary following dinner.

### **C. Sweatshirt Sunday:**

Scheduled for Sunday, October 21, 2018. Nikki will be asked to create a list of jobs to be done. Staining of the benches made by Nick Barka may possibly be on the list of jobs.

### **D. Endowment Restore:**

\*\*\***Motion was made** by Dave Lundberg to have Eric Rogness go back to the Endowment Committee to review the Endowment Restore. Motion seconded by Frans Carlstrom. **Motion carried.**

### **E. Youth & Family—Next Steps**

Executive Committee and Pastor Terry will meet and discuss Youth and Family needs at OELC. Council discussed the need to build a Youth and Family Strategy Vision, possibly a three-year type of planning vision. Frans Carlstrom, Jim Newman, Molly Vold, and Carol Dodge volunteered to be on a committee to address this type of vision planning.

### **F. Snowplowing:**

The Council reviewed the two bids that came in for snowplowing. \*\*\* **Motion was made** by Maggie Luallen to approve Patrick Salmon for snowplowing the parking lot in the front and back of the church at a \$100 flat rate per job. He will plow snow only when it snows 2 inches or greater. Karl Holmen will continue to clear the sidewalks. Motion seconded by Eric Rogness. **Motion carried.**

## **VIII NEW BUSINESS**

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### **A. Nominating Committee:**

Committee will meet in Oct. or early Nov. Committee members are Traci Loonstra, Carol Dodge, Dave Lundberg, John Haugen, and Amy McCune. We will also need a new Youth Representative.

## **IX NOVEMBER COUNCIL MEETING is scheduled for Wed., Nov. 14 at 7:00 PM**

Eric Rogness has devotions.

### **X ADJOURNMENT:**

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

Respectfully submitted by Carol Dodge, Acting Secretary