

**OSSEO EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
August 12, 2015**

The regular meeting of the OELC Council was called to order by President Vern Larson at 5:42 pm on Wednesday, August 12, 2015. Members present were: Vern Larson, Dionne Anderson, Allyson Barka, Bryce Haas, Shannon Hasz, Kurt Howson, Bret Jensen, Tali Kempf, Maria Paulus, Tom Peterson, Alyssa Skoyen and Betty Ward. Church Staff present were: Molly Vold, Deanna Klindworth, Pastor Lewis Thompson, Pastor Les Munnik and Pastor Daniel Hoy. Guests present were Karen Thompson.

Pastor Hoy led devotions with a prayer.

Secretary's Minutes Presented

- Minutes from the July 8, 2015 Church Council Meeting were reviewed.
- Motion made by Tom P. and seconded by Kurt H. to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

Staff Reports

Pastor Lewis' Report

- Pastor Lewis and his wife, Karen, thanked council for helping to keep the church organization running through the summer while he was on sabbatical.
- They shared that it has been a difficult summer for their family trying to heal from the events of this spring and dealing with health concerns. Pastor Lewis recently learned that he may have cancer although the specific diagnosis is yet unknown. He and Karen will continue to share information with the Council as they learn more and expressed that Council is welcome to share this information with the congregation.

Parish Administrator's Report

- Molly V. reported that members are inquiring into what is being done with regard to the recommendations from the synod that came from the Comprehensive Ministry Review. Discussion followed regarding material to include in the newsletter to better share this information.
- Information regarding the hire of Jim Newman as Director of Music Ministry will also be included in the newsletter. Council had been waiting until the return of Pastor Lewis to formally fill the position. Motion made by Betty W. and seconded by Maria P. to officially hire Jim Newman as Director of Music Ministry. Motion carried.

Assistant Administrator's Report

- Deanna K. reviewed the month end budget handouts that were provided to council members prior to the meeting. Bills this month are straightforward. There have been some changes with acuity insurance since premiums were recently adjusted. Offerings are up! Auditors came and met with staff to ask standard questions. Deanna has been following up with them regarding coming to an upcoming Council meeting to discuss the outcome of the audit and any recommendations for procedures going forward.
- Motion made by Kurt H. and seconded by Dionne A. to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report

- Pastor Hoy reported that it has been a very quiet month: communion at the nursing home, two hospital visits and one baptism in June.

Committee Reports

Youth

- Pastor Les shared that he received correspondence from Thrivent regarding being nominated for a funds matching program and will be working on completing materials for that. ASP this summer was the best yet with a very engaging group of youth working on the mission projects. Luther Park went very well. Approximately \$5000 remains in the ASP budget because the youth were very conscious about how the money was spent during the trip. A pot luck is planned toward the end of August and sign-ups for ASP start up soon again!

Property

- Tali K. shared a list of maintenance items that need to be completed. Discussion was had regarding other items that need attention and which items may need professional attention. Discussion was also had regarding a "Sweatshirt Sunday" to complete maintenance items that may be done by lay persons.

Finance and Stewardship

- Tom P. shared that the committee met last month and discussed possible plans for a tithing Sunday, a credit card kiosk and Sunday School offering envelopes. Discussion followed regarding Sunday School bulletins and

offering envelopes. Motion made by Vern L. and seconded by Tali K. to approve the purchase of Sunday School offering envelopes. Motion carried.

Preschool

- Allyson B. shared that the preschool is hiring new staff member(s) to replace a teacher who is leaving to prepare for the upcoming arrival of another new family member. ☺

Evangelism

- Bret J. shared that he and Maria P. have been sending follow up cards to the potential members list as generated by Molly V. They will be following up again with a phone call once dates and times are set for a new member class. Face-to-face visits and delivering some sort of goodie (possibly coffee mugs) to their home are also planned.
- A visiting partners meeting is set for August 30th. Parts of the meeting will be videoed for a presentation on the experiences of visiting partners.
- Plans are still in place to live stream an upcoming church service - likely on Rally Day, September 13.

Personnel

- Alyssa S. shared that the personnel committee will be meeting again soon to finalize a recommendation for benefits for the Parish Administrator.

Worship

- Tom P. shared plans for Rally Day which will be held September 13. Tables will be set up in Fellowship Hall for committed that want to have a display. Brunch will be served with Betty W. helpitn to organize food. Volunteers are needed to help in the kitchen. Donations from Rally Day will be split between Sunday School funds and Music Ministry.

Internship – no report.

Special Gifts – no report.

Technology – see Evangelism.

Christian Education – no report.

Nominating – no report.

Old Business

- No old business.

New Business

- Stewardship Live Stream webinar will be on Thursday, Aug 27th at 6:30 at OELC. Brett will be setting up the projector.
- Sweatshirt Sunday will be on Wed., Oct. 18th. Tali and Curt will organize this event.
- A volunteer is needed to do Lector Scheduling for 2016 and to serve as Harvest Dinner Clean Up Crew Leader. These positions will be featured at Rally Day.
- Ingrid Thompson would like some help with cleaning. Vern will talk to her as to what she needs help with. Shannon H. would be willing to fill in at the same rate of pay.
- Eighth grade confirmation classes will be led by Vern L. for the time being. Confirmation Orientation - Sept. 9th at 6:00p.m. Vern will fill in for Pastor Thompson. Molly will be getting folders ready. Tina Bollinger will be teaching 7th grade confirmation. Pastor Les will also be there to present.
- Molly will look into the availability of the Bishop for our next meeting.
- Vern will make an announcement this Sunday regarding Pastor Thompson's health concerns.
- Tom will announce Rally Day info at the end of the service.

Next regular council meeting is set for Wednesday, September 9, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

Motion to adjourn made by Bryce H. to adjourn without objection. Meeting adjourned at approximately 8 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Alyssa Skoyen
Council Secretary