

**OSSEO EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
December 9, 2015**

The regular meeting of the OELC Council was called to order by President Vern Larson at 7:09pm on Wednesday, December 9, 2015. Members present were: Vern Larson, Dionne Anderson, Allyson Barka, Bryce Haas, Kurt Howson, Bret Jensen, Tali Kempf, Tom Peterson, Alyssa Skoyen and Betty Ward. Members absent were: Shannon Hasz and Maria Paulus. Church Staff present were: Deanna Klindworth Pastor Les Muunik, Pastor Thomas Bryan and Pastor John Hosemann.

Devotions were led by Pastor Tom.

Secretary's Minutes Presented

- Minutes from the November 11, 2015 Church Council Meeting were reviewed.
- Motion made by Betty W. and seconded by Kurt H. to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

Staff Reports

Pastor's Report

- Pastors Tom and John passed on a report and will report under old business regarding the consultants.

Director of Music Ministry

- Jim N. is out of town.

Parish Administrator's Report

- Molly V. is not in attendance due to illness. Vern L. shared on her behalf that committee reports were due December 1 and any outstanding reports need to be turned in as soon as possible.

Assistant Administrator's Report

- Deanna K. reviewed the month end budget handouts that were provided to council members prior to the meeting and provided comments regarding the bill from Certified for furnace issues, renewal of Sam's Club membership, new office computer, tree removal and annual video license.
- She reviewed amounts existing in debt retirement accounts, mission accounts, etc. and discussion followed regarding how to handle the existing funds.
- Motion made by Tali K. to pay an additional \$12,000 from the debt retirement account at the end of the fiscal year to restore the Endowment Fund. Seconded by Bret J. Motion carried.
- To date, \$2,940 has been raised to contribute to hunger relief for Malawi and will be paid at year end.
- The audit by CLA is complete and final reports are coming. A committee is in place for the in-house audit for the 2015 financial year.

Committee Reports

Evangelism

- Bret J. shared that they will be holding new member orientation January 3, 2016 between services and invited all council members to attend. A new member reception and introduction will be held January 10.

Youth

- Pastor Les shared that the spaghetti dinner earlier this evening was a huge success. The youth float in the holiday parade took first place and won \$75. On Sunday afternoon the middle school youth rang bells at the grocery store and raised \$400 in three hours. The senior high youth group went curling on Sunday. Next Sunday all youth will be going Christmas caroling and having chili after. There will be an ASP reunion January 3 for all participants in the past 5 years. Middle school will be having an event at the Action City arcade. Senior high youth will be having a butterfly pork chop fundraiser. Financial statements shared.

Endowment Fund

- Tom P. shared that the committee has been discussing how scholarships are allocated and will bring a recommendation to council in January.

Preschool

- Allyson B. shared that the preschool Christmas program will be Monday, December 21 at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday School

- Dionne A. shared that the Sunday School Christmas program will be Sunday, December 13 at 10:45 a.m.

Stewardship/Finance – no report.

Personnel – no report.

Worship – no report.

Internship – no report.

Special Gifts – no report.

Technology – no report.

Nominating – no report.

Property – no report.

Old Business

Transition Process

- Pastor Tom recapped that at the Saturday meeting volunteers were selected for who would serve on the transition committee and a document outlining their duties has been prepared. Discussion was had regarding upcoming congregational surveys, timing of the surveys, question wording and inclusion of questions to gauge interest in items from the CMR.

Thrivent Presentation

- A presentation will be held December 20 at coffee hour between services to discuss the giving option through Thrivent.

Other

- Tom P. shared an idea of having a retreat or other event to kick off the new council after the new year to welcome new council members, review committee duties, etc. and discuss the focus for the year. Discussion followed and a date was set for January 30, 2016 from 8am to noon.

New Business

- Alyssa S. shared her resignation from church council.

Next regular council meeting is set for Wednesday, January 13, 2015 at 6:00 PM.

Motion to adjourn was made by Bryce H. to adjourn without objection. Meeting adjourned at 9:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Alyssa Skoyen, Council Secretary.