

OSSEO EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
July 8, 2015

The regular meeting of the OELC Council was called to order by President Vern Larson at 6:02pm on Wednesday, July 8, 2015. Members present were: Vern Larson, Dionne Anderson, Allyson Barka, Bryce Haas, Kurt Howson, Bret Jensen, Maria Paulus, Tom Peterson, Alyssa Skoyen and Betty Ward. Members absent were: Tali Kempf and Shannon Hasz. Church Staff present were: Molly Vold, Deanna Klindworth and Pastor Daniel Hoy.

Pastor Hoy led devotions with a prayer.

Secretary's Minutes Presented

- Minutes from the June 10, 2015 Church Council Meeting were reviewed.
- Motion made by Betty W. and seconded by Maria P. to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

Staff Reports

Parish Administrator's Report

- Molly V. reported that everything is going very well and that the acuity insurance will be renewing.

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 expenses associated with Vacation Bible School and the stipend for the sabbatical.
- Discussion was had regarding year-to-date giving being down from last year.
- Motion made by Kurt H. and seconded by Dionne A. to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.
- The auditors will be coming to the church in the next month to meet with staff.
- Motion made by Allyson B. and seconded by Dionne A. to renew the Emma Veum CD with the 22 month CD special offered by the bank. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report

- Pastor Hoy reported that he has done a number of visits this past month and did communion at the nursing home.
- Discussion was had regarding policies for funeral services for non-members.

Committee Reports

Youth

- Molly V. shared a report that Pastor Les had sent her: Youth returned from ASP mission trip and will be having a slide show on July 19 to share their experiences. Tonight is the spaghetti dinner at the UCC church. Last week he hosted two student teachers who led the Vacation Bible School. He will be taking 12 students to attend Luther Park Bible camps next week.

Property

- Kurt H. and Betty W. shared an update regarding the posts for the signs.
- Discussion was had regarding the possibility of a sign east of town on Highway 10.
- Vern L. shared that the front area of the church will be sprayed with round-up for the weeds.
- Discussion was had regarding the upcoming organ tune-up.
- Molly V. shared a quote for tree-trimming service. Property committee members will get more quotes.

Finance and Stewardship

- Tom P. shared that the committee is meeting a week from tonight at 6pm.

Personnel

- Alyssa S. shared that the personnel committee met last month to discuss benefits for the Parish Administrator position and invited Jim Newman in to discuss his vision for the Director of Music Ministry position for which he is the candidate.

- Motion made by Tom P. and seconded by Kurt H. to approve the recommendation of the personnel committee for the Director of Music Ministry salary to be \$2,000.00 per month. Motion carried pending the return of Pastor Thompson.

Evangelism – no report.

Worship – no report.

Internship – no report.

Special Gifts – no report.

Technology – no report.

Preschool – no report.

Christian Education – no report.

Nominating – no report.

Old Business

- No old business.

New Business

Other

- Betty W. shared that former intern pastor David Tielbar has received a call.

New Member Class

- Vern L. shared that Pastor Thompson is anticipating conducting a new member class this fall. Pastor Hoy and Bret J. will be reaching out to them.

Social Media

- Discussion was had regarding administration of the OELC social media pages to ensure that posts by the organization and by others on the OELC social media pages are promoting the church mission.

Rally Day

- Tom P. shared a suggestion for having council members serve coffee in the library during Rally Day and have proceeds going to a designated purpose such as the sound system, etc.
- Dionne A. suggested having a grill out, etc. to encourage parents to stay for the event.
- Discussion followed regarding other ways to encourage involvement of parents and new members.

Next regular council meeting is set for Wednesday, August 12, 2015 at 5:30 PM at Molly V.'s home and will be a pot-luck dinner. Council members may come early.

Motion to adjourn was made by Bryce H. to adjourn without objection. Meeting adjourned at 7:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Alyssa Skoyen
Council Secretary