

OSSEO EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL

Wednesday, July 16, 2014

6:00 PM

1. Meeting called to order by President Stacy Smith at 6:00 PM
 - a. Secretary in place
- * * Order of Day .. Congregational members
2. Secretary's minutes presented for approval
3. Staff Reports
 - a. Administrator, Val Bergeman
 - i. Finances and Bills to be paid: Debt balances: Demand notes \$6000.00, 5% on demand; Building Loan \$527,002.51 (as of 6/14/14) 4.625% due 2/1/2031; interest adjustment 2022; 7/1/12 amount refinanced \$575,053.88; \$9,500.00 line of credit United Bank (4.75% interest - General Fund)
 - b. Parish Nurse, Jackie Tiller
 - c. Intern Pastor David
4. Committee reports
 - a. Christian Education
 - i. Sunday School Coordinator
 - b. Finance /Stewardship
 - i. Un-restrict Endowment funds
 - c. Others
5. Old Business
 - a.
 - b. Other
6. New Business
 - a. Vacation request
 - b. Other
7. Adjournment with Lord's Prayer

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: AUGUST 13, 2014 AT 6:00 PM

OSSEO EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 11, 2014

The regular meeting of the OELC Council was called to order by President Stacy Smith at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, June 11, 2014. Members present were: Stacy Smith, Naomi Bodway, Vern Larson, Tom Peterson, Tom Twesme, Dionne Anderson, Allyson Barka, Kim Kubishak, Tali Kempf
Members absent: Shannon Hasz, Cody Carlstrom
Church Staff present were: Parish Administrator Val Bergeman, Parish Nurse Jackie Tiller and Intern David Tielbar. Visitors included Shel Satter from the Endowment Fund committee.

Intern Pastor David opened the meeting with prayer.

Order of the Day: Shel Satter, Endowment Committee Chair

- ▶ Shel addressed a handout that he provided comparing the current Endowment Fund numbers vested with Thrivent and that of ELCA Pooled Fund A if the fund were vested there. He further shared that the ELCA Pool Fund Charter mirrors the current OELC Endowment Fund Charter closely. The Fund Committee had unanimously voted on June 1, 2014 to move the fund from Thrivent to the ELCA Pooled fund as it will provide a better return for the fund. Discussion followed.
- ▶ A motion was made by Tom T. to approve the Endowment Fund Committee's decision to move the investment to the ELCA Pooled Fund. Tali K. seconded this motion. Motion passed.
- ▶ Shel also provided a summary of the recent inquiry from Wartburg Seminary concerning financial support for Karen Ressel during her final year. This was a follow-up discussion from the May OELC Council meeting where the Committee asked the Council what level of support was recommended. Council tabled the topic until such time as the Committee provided them with an indication of the available funds to consider for this request. Discussion followed with no decision being reached.
- ▶ President Stacy S. expressed appreciation from the Council for the work of the Endowment Fund Committee and their willingness to share the information and seek support from Council.
- ▶ Parish Administrator Val Bergeman brought to the Council's attention Pastor Thompson's desire to call a Special Congregational meeting in August. This is an outcome from some members approaching him with their concern about the continued long term building debt and possibly using the Endowment Fund to retire this debt. A decision to hold a special joint Council/Finance Committee meeting on Thursday, June 26, 2014 @ 5:30 PM was made to discuss this and have Pastor Thompson available to provide further information into the conversations he has had.

Secretary's Report:

- ▶ Minutes from the May 7, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Motion made by Vern L. and seconded by Dionne A. to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Staff Reports:

- ▶ Parish Administrator: Val Bergeman
 - ✦ Val highlighted the current figures that were discussed in conjunction with the Endowment Fund topic. The receipt of the \$6,151 health care tax credit will be helpful in order to meet June expenses/bills.
- ▶ Parish Nurse, Jackie Tiller
 - ✦ Prayer Shawl ministry: Meeting tomorrow, 4 baptismal shawls will be given out this month. July 20 Blessing of Prayer Shawls Service, with coffee fellowship after with donations going for yarn. August 14 next regular meeting.
 - ✦ Update on Visiting Partner Ministry plans: Leadership Teams from UCC and OELC met May 28th. We

have 5 people from each congregation on these teams to explore and plan this new ministry. Jackie met with UCC Church Council last night, and they voted to move forward with us on this ministry. Each congregation will serve their own members, and we are working together on the training and support aspects of this ministry. Our Leadership Teams will meet again early July to plan awareness and training details.

✦ ASP: Jackie is leaving this Friday with ASP group. Sending services at OELC and UCC were very moving and we will be having special "ASP returning" services on July 13.

▶ Intern Pastor's Report: David Tielbar

✦ Intern David participated in community services for Memorial Day and they were very moving. The final Intern feedback forms received were very positive and affirming comments.

✦ He participated in the Synod Assembly the weekend of June 6-8 in Eau Claire and the Stewardship Workshop on May 31 in Chippewa Falls.

▶ Pastor Thompson: No report as Pastor was on vacation.

Committee Reports

▶ Youth: Naomi Bodway provided Pastor Les' written report:

✦ The ASP sendoff is Friday, June 13 @ 7:30 AM from the UCC parking lot.

✦ There are 18 youth attending Luther Park Bible Camp this summer.

✦ Pastor Les is working on fall planning once he returns from ASP trip. He presented the scholarships to the selectees at the High School Graduation ceremonies

▶ Christian Education – Allyson B. indicated there is meeting set for June 17 to discuss 7th grade confirmation for the 2014/15 year. Allyson will be sharing these teaching duties with Jenny Markgren. It was noted that there is still a need for a Sunday School Coordinator for the 2014/15 year. There are 31 children signed up for VBS, June 30 – July 2.

▶ Preschool – Allyson shared that there was a great turnout for the preschool party; 100 people attended the year-end party and program. 13 children are currently registered for next year.

▶ Property – Tali K. provided an overview of the May 20th Security Team meeting and noted that a second meeting is scheduled for June 24th.

✦ Vern L. shared that Bertrang Roofing and Certainteed are continuing to work on the warranty issue for the roof cap.

▶ Worship – Discussion on the possibility of including women and confirmation youth on usher teams in the future was favorably received by Council members.

Old Business

▶ Naomi B. has looked into possible young adult council member, 18-30 years old. No replacement as yet for this vacant position.

New Business

▶ Food for Poor has requested the ability to come for an upcoming Sunday service. Council was not in favor of this request and Food for Poor will be notified.

▶ Council felt there was a need to meet for regular meeting July 9th, at 6:00 PM.

▶ Motion to adjourn made by Vern L. and seconded by Allyson B. Meeting adjourned.

Respectively submitted,

Tom Peterson, Secretary

OSSEO EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
Special Meeting
CHURCH COUNCIL and FINANCE COMMITTEE
June 26, 2014

The meeting was called to order by President Stacy Smith at 5:35 PM.

Council members present were Stacy Smith, Naomi Bodway, Vern Larson, Tali Kempf, Allyson Barka, Shannon Hasz, Tom Twesme, Dionne Anderson, and Tom Peterson.

OELC Staff present were Pastor Lewis Thompson, Pastor Les Munnik, Parish Nurse Jackie Tiller.

Endowment Fund Committee members present were Shel Satter, Arvin Boetcher.

Others attending were Terry Moore, Gerry Bodway, Terry Halderson, and Arnie Rongstad.

Pastor Thompson opened the meeting by outlining the reason for his request to call a Special Congregational meeting. He shared handouts prepared by Parish Administrator, Val Bergeman, that: 1- provided an overview of the building history and debt from 1972 to the current year, 2 - an overview from 2003 to 2013 of the number of baptized members, average Sunday attendance, weekly offerings and expenses, and 3 – the principal and interest loan payments history from 2003 – 2014.

Following this opening Pastor Thompson led the group in prayer.

The 3 handouts were presented in detail by Pastor T. followed by a lengthy review of the handouts and discussion on ways to address both the long term debt and the current short term financial situation. It was also pointed out that on January 21, 2007, the council held a special meeting to determine the designation of annuity and life insurance proceeds from the Anderson's, which listed OELC as beneficiary. These funds were not designated and were given in addition to the original stipulation of Endowment Funds. At this meeting, the council designated the annuity and life insurance proceeds, totaling \$232,759.21, into the Endowment Fund.

Tom T. made a motion to withdraw \$50,000. and deposit it in OELC's checking account to address the immediate financial needs. Motion was seconded by Tali K. Motion carried. These funds will be from the annuity and life insurance proceeds, which were designated to the Endowment Fund by the 2007 council. No funds will be used which were restricted by contributing members.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Vern L. Meeting adjourned @ 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Peterson, Secretary

BILLS TO BE PAID as of 7/9/14 ...

GENERAL ~

Board of Pensions	6,043.08
Pastor Thompson <small>335 May miles</small>	
David Tielbar	
Jackie Tiller	52.64
<small>4 May miles; 90 June miles</small>	
Val Bergeman	91.65
<small>120.21 miles; Sam's 30.83</small>	
State of WI DSPS	440.00
Advanced Fire Protection	678.50
Colby Florist	40.00
Sam's Club	116.83
VISA	336.00
<small>Menards 189.00; USPS 98.00</small>	
Higley Oil	53.00
United Bank	9,520.06
Vanco Services	21.00
Acuity Insurance <small>(August, November)</small>	
Augsburg Fortress	136.30
ACS <small>software support</small>	141.50
TCC	54.44
*CenturyLink	155.55
*We Energies <small>est</small>	75.00
*Xcel Energy	469.86
*City of Osseo <small>est</small>	150.00
Salaries <small>(Est)</small>	14,588.20
IRS <small>(Est)</small>	2,778.00
Wis Dept of Revenue <small>(Est)</small>	392.00
✓CenturyLink	67.81
✓We Energies <small>est</small>	20.00
✓Xcel Energy	256.47
✓City of Osseo <small>est</small>	120.00
 <u>PAST DUE:</u>	
Augsburg Fortress	137.00

DEBT RETIREMENT -

Thrivent Financial <small>Mortgage</small>	3,849.00
 Total	 \$ 3,849.00

Mission Fund

Special Funds

LPBC - VBS T-shirts	240.00
Melissa Jensen - VBS	17.57
Stockmans - VBS	32.64

Endowment Fund

OELC	50,000.00
Organ maintenance	
Salary & Taxes	1,493.00

Youth & Family Ministry

VISA <small>USPS</small>	49.00
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