

OSSEO EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL

Wednesday, September 10, 2014

6:30 PM

1. Meeting called to order by Vice President Vern Larson
 - a. Secretary in place
2. Devotions led by Val Bergeman
3. Secretary's minutes presented for approval
4. Staff Reports
 - a. Administrator, Val Bergeman
 - i. Finances and Bills to be paid: Debt balances: Demand notes \$6000.00, 5% on demand; Building Loan \$523,359.82 (as of 8/7/14) 4.625% due 2/1/2031; interest adjustment 2022; 7/1/12 amount refinanced \$575,053.88; \$10,000.00 line of credit United Bank (4.75% interest - General Fund)
 - b. Parish Nurse, Jackie Tiller
 - c. Pastor Thompson
5. Committee reports
 - a. Youth - Pastor Les, Cody
 - b. Christian Education
 - c. Evangelism/Outreach
 - d. Finance /Stewardship
 - e. Harvest Supper (October 22)
 - f. Preschool
 - g. Property
 - h. Security Team
 - i. Worship
 - j. Others
6. Old Business
 - a. Little parsonage
 - b. Congregational meeting
 - i. Serve coffee
 - c.
7. New Business
 - a.
 - b.
 - c. Devotions October meeting
8. Adjournment with Lord's Prayer

Next regular meeting: October 8, 2014 @ 6:30 PM

OSSEO EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 13, 2014

The regular meeting of the OELC Council was called to order by President Stacy Smith at 6:05 PM on Wednesday, August 13, 2014. Members present were: Stacy Smith, Naomi Bodway, Vern Larson, Tom Peterson, Kim Kubishak, Shannon Hasz, Alyssa Skoyen and Dionne Anderson.

Members absent: Tali Kempf, Allyson Barka, Tom Twesme, Cody Carlstrom

Church Staff present were: Parish Administrator Val Bergeman, Parish Nurse Jackie Tiller, Pastor Thompson, Pastor Les Munnik

Visitors included Shel Satter and Arvin Boetcher from the Endowment Fund committee, Sara Boetcher, Sharon Jermstad, Betty Ward, Sue Coey, Kathy Sieg, Pete & Edie Oftedahl, and Larea Diehl.

Alyssa Skoyen was welcomed as a new member of the Council.

Pastor Les opened the meeting with devotions and prayer.

Order of the Day:

- ▶ Shel Satter provided a recap of the Endowment Fund and investment strategies/changes that were proposed and approved by the Endowment Fund Committee and supported by the Council. The transfer of the fund from Thrivent to the ELCA Pool Fund has been completed.
- ▶ Several of the visiting members of the Congregation addressed the council regarding their thoughts on the debt retirement.
- ▶ All visitors retired from the meeting.
- ▶ Discussion of the debt retirement by the Council continued. A motion was made by Tom P. for the Council to call a Special Congregational meeting to address using the remaining unrestricted funds, from the Endowment Fund, toward the principle in 2014, and to use a percentage of the yearly rolling average to reduce the debt for period yet to be determined. Motion was seconded by Shannon H. Discussion followed.
- ▶ This motion was amended by Vern L. to read "A Special Congregational Meeting to affirm the Council's decision to use the remaining unrestricted endowment funds for debt retirement in 2014, and to begin a dialogue with the Congregation on developing options to address the remaining debt retirement in the future." Motion was seconded by Kim K. Motion carried.
- ▶ The Special Meeting was set for September 21, 2014 @ 9:30 AM with the required announcements being made September 7 and 14, 2014.
- ▶ Motion made by Vern L. and seconded by Stacy S. to unrestrict the balance of \$182,759.21 (remaining portion of \$232,759.21) to be used as recommended by council and affirmed by congregation at the upcoming special congregational meeting September 21st. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report:

- ▶ Minutes from the June 11, 2014 regular council meeting, and the June 26, 2014 special council 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 shared the financials for July. Discussion of the current financial situation focused on the differences between last year and this year at this same time. The difference is a result of starting 2014 with less carryover funds than in 2013. This has resulted in the need to borrow funds in order to meet financial

obligations sooner than in previous years. Motion made by Stacy S. and seconded by Vern L. to approve Val's report. Motion carried.

- ▶ Parish Nurse, Jackie Tiller
 - ✦ Jackie shared that her experience with the ASP trip was "awesome".
 - ✦ She is adjusting to not having Intern David available to assist with visitation.
 - ✦ Visiting Partners organizers have been meeting and they are moving forward to make announcements inviting members to be participants. Training dates will be in October and are in the planning stages. This is a wonderful ministry according Vern and Jackie.
 - ✦ The Prayer Shawl Ministry will be having blessing Sundays once each quarter throughout the year.
- ▶ Pastor Thompson's Report:
 - ✦ Pastor shared that all of the necessary evaluations for Intern David Tielbar have been completed and handed off. He added that the entire congregation will feel the effect of the 2014/15 being without an Intern.
 - ✦ He has been preparing for the upcoming year.
 - ✦ Former Intern Donna Runge's call to Nebraska is going to a vote by the Congregation there.
 - ✦ Ruby's Food Pantry has contacted both OELC and UCC regarding establishment in Osseo.

Committee Reports

- ▶ Youth: Pastor Les
 - ✦ Pastor Les provided a recap of the recent ASP trip (just an awesome group and experience) and Luther Bible Camp attendance. Already for the 2015 ASP trip a large number of youth and adults are expressing interest in participating.
 - ✦ A number of activities, planning meetings and potlucks are already scheduled and on the calendar, including Backpack blessing Sunday 9/14, the first youth group meeting for the new year on 9/21, and a showing of the film "Heaven is for Real" on 9/30 with a discussion to follow.
 - ✦ Pastor Les is working on cleaning out a room in the church designated for the youth.
 - ✦ The purchase of a GAGA pit was presented by Pastor Les for Council consideration and approval. A motion was made by Vern L. and seconded by Naomi B. to approve the purchase using treated lumber. Motion carried.
- ▶ Christian Education – Pastor Lewis shared that there is still a need for a Sunday School Coordinator for the 2014/15 year. More contacts are to be made by Shannon H. to try and find someone to take on this role.
- ▶ Property –
 - ✦ Pastor Lewis shared the date of September 7th for the Emergency Response training session at the church following the worship service. Targeted groups are Ushers, Choir Members and those with medical backgrounds and/or training.
 - ✦ Vern L. shared that there is nothing new to report on the warranty issue for the roof cap.

New Business

- ▶ It was decided to forgo "Sweatshirt Sunday" for the coming year as things are in good shape at the church and two parsonages.
- ▶ Harvest Supper date is set for October 22, 2014.
- ▶ Stacy S. shared a request from Pastor Les to be paid for days taken during his recent vacation. A motion was made by Naomi B. and seconded by Kim K. to approve vacation pay. Discussion followed on the synod guidelines for paid staff vacation. Motion carried.
- ▶ Meeting adjourned @ 9:00 PM with the Lord's Prayer.
- ▶ Next meeting is September 10th @ 6:30 PM

Respectively submitted,
Tom Peterson, Secretary