

OSSEO EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

January 10, 2018

**I. The REGULAR MEETING OF THE OELC COUNCIL WAS CALLED TO ORDER** by President Betty Ward at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, January 10, 2018. Members present were: Betty Ward, Carol Dodge, Jody Groell, John Haugen, Traci Loonstra, Maria Paulus, Thea Vojtik, and Caroline Tietjens. Members absent were Erin Everson, Brett Jensen, Mary Jo Halverson, and David Lundberg. Church Staff present were: Pastor Terry Lorenz and Deanna Klindworth.

**II. DEVOTIONS were led by Maria Paulus**

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**III. SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

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- Minutes from the December 13, 2017 Council meeting were reviewed. **\*\*\*Motion made** by Maria Paulus and seconded by Traci Loonstra to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

**IV. STAFF REPORTS:**

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**A. Parish Administrator's Report:** No report as Molly Vold was ill.

**B. Assistant Parish Administrator's Report** - Deanna Klindworth

- **Finances, Debt Balances:** Deanna reviewed the month-end budget handouts that were provided to Council members prior to the January meeting. **\*\*\*Motion made** to approve the financial report was made by Traci Loonstra. Seconded by Jody Groell. Motion carried.
- The **Internal Audit Committee** will be meeting at 5:30 PM on Thursday, January 11 to audit the books. The 2018 Internal Audit Committee consists of Terri Swett, Jack Vold, and Lorna Peterson. Coco Olson will serve as an alternate.

**C. Pastor's Report:** Pastor Terry

- **Red Communion Folders:** Discussion took place as to the importance of these folders and whether they are needed. This topic will be brought up again with the 2018 Council.
- Pastor Terry has received a Synod mailing in regard to **Leadership Retreats** that will be offered by the Synod. Our church can send up to six people to these retreats. The Synod would pay 75% of the fee. The Leadership Retreats would require a significant time commitment as the program is a twelve month process. This topic will also be brought up again with the 2018 Council.
- **IGNITE:** Pastor Terry reported that IGNITE seems to have become a service of OELC only as the UCC and other churches in the area are not offering support. This leaves the support of the entire service falling on OELC. Council members were asked to think about this issue and talk to Pastor Terry to share ideas or concerns. This topic will be brought up again with the 2018 Council.
- **Lent and Easter Services at OELC:** The season of Lent begins on February 14 with the 6:00 PM Ash Wednesday service. Lenten Services and Soup Suppers will continue on the following Wednesdays, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, March 14<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup>. Maundy Thursday service will be on Thurs., March 29<sup>th</sup>. All of these services will be at 6:00 PM. There will possibly be two services on Good Friday, one at Noon and another at 6:00 PM. More information will be coming in regard to the schedule for Good Friday. OELC will again be participating in the Round Robin Lenten service program with area pastors. The pastors will be in their respective churches on Ash Wednesday. The Round Robin rotation of visiting pastors will begin on February 21<sup>st</sup>. The number of churches participating in the Round Robin has

diminished this year as many of the area churches are in transition. Easter Sunday falls on Sunday, April 1, 2018.

- Linda Ness has resigned her **part-time custodial position** (5-7 hrs/week) at OELC effective at the end of January. Council discussed how best to handle this vacancy. The Personnel Committee will also address this issue. The 2018 Council will discuss and act on the vacancy at their January 28, 2018 Special Meeting.
- **Kari Steen Funeral:** The OELC Parking lot will be used as an organizing area for the firemen, EMTs, First Responders during the afternoon of January 22, 2018. The OELC Fellowship Hall will be used to serve this group refreshments during the afternoon as they prepare for the funeral procession. Kirk Gunderson is coordinating this gathering. Sylvia Haugen will be asked to contact Kirk Gunderson in regard to whether the kitchen and any OELC supplies will be used.

**D. Youth & Family Ministry:** Caroline Tietjens shared Les Munnik's written report in his absence.

- **Seventh Grade Confirmation:** Seventh Grade Confirmation is going great! The class has been studying miracles and how they happen in our lives. This is a large class (25 students), but a great class to teach. The seventh grade confirmation class will be serving the Soup Suppers starting in February.
- **C-Ya Youth:** The adult leaders of C-Ya youth met in January and planned activities for the next three months. Due to the large number of high school students involved in the O-F High School play, it is hard to schedule programming on Sundays until after the play. Therefore, the C-Ya adult leaders will be providing food to the play cast after a Sunday practice. All C-Ya youth are invited to these dinners. This will be a good way for our youth to still keep in touch and also be great PR for our youth group. In April, a big bonfire at Les's house is being planned for an end-of-the-year activity. More information on this activity will be coming.
- **ASP:** The ASP adult leaders will meet with all ASP youth participants and their parents at the end of January. Dates will be determined for the three required workshops that the youth must attend. The annual Steak Fry will be discussed as well. Dates and details will be included in the next OELC Newsletter.
- **TGIF:** Adult leaders will be meeting at the end of January to schedule activities for the next three months. In December, the TGIF students met on a Sunday afternoon and made Christmas cookies and Christmas cards. The group then delivered the cookies and cards to the residents at the Dove Care Center.

**V COMMITTEE REPORTS/MINISTRY UPDATES**

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**A. Nominating Committee:** Betty Ward

The Nominating Committee presented the names of the incoming candidates for Church Council, Endowment Committee, Delegates to the NW Synod Assembly, and Nominating Committee for the January, 2019 meeting.

Candidates for Church Council: Eric Rogness, Denny Lindell, Frans Carlstrom, and Maggie Luallen;

Youth Council Representative: Izabella (Bella) Nicolai

Candidates for the Endowment Committee: Jerilyn Mulcahy and Shaun Everson

Candidates for the Delegates to the NW Synod Assembly: Allyson Barka, Linda Ness, and Carol Dodge

Candidates for the 2019 Nominating Committee: Traci Loonstra, Carol Dodge, John Haugen, David Lundberg, and Amy McCune

**B. Personnel Committee:** No report at this time

**C. Property Committee:** John Haugen

Council discussed how to handle extra expenses at the Little Parsonage (Parsonage 2). Council members were asked to think more about ideas on how to finance extra expenses that might incur at the Little Parsonage. This item will be addressed again at a future Council Meeting.

**D. Kingdom Kids Christian Preschool:** Carol Dodge

The KKCP Board will meet to discuss the future of KKCP.

**E. Social Concerns Committee:** Jody Groell

Social Concerns Committee will be meeting the first Sunday of February to plan the Friendship Club's Valentine Party. More details later.

## **VI NEW BUSINESS**

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**A. Painting of Fellowship Hall:** Alan Rongstad has completed painting the entire Fellowship Hall. WELCA will be taking care of this expense.

**B. 2018 Annual Meeting:** Annual Meeting will be between services on Sunday, January 28, 2018. The Council members will supply and serve refreshments and help with set up before the meeting as well as clean up after the Annual Meeting. Council members are asked to be at church by 7:30 AM.

## **VII OLD BUSINESS**

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**A. Nick Barka Eagle Scout Project:** Nick has begun building the shelves for his project.

**B. Dance Group-**Written report by David Lundberg

David is willing to teach a beginning ballroom dance class in the church gym. He is tentatively planning four, one hour sessions with a fee of \$5 per person per session. All money would go to the OELC General Fund. The class would be limited to 20 participants. A beginning date has not been established. More information will be coming. Contact the church office if you are interested in the dance classes.

**C. January Stewardship/Finance Breakfast:** First breakfast was a success. Free will donations brought in \$393.00. Next breakfast is February 4, 2018. The menu will be egg bake, mini muffins, and a fruit cup.

**D. Pickleball** is going great!

**E. Lifetouch Pictures** will be at OELC on February 26, 2018 from 2:00-9:00 PM. To schedule an appointment, visit the OELC website ([www.oelc.org](http://www.oelc.org)) and click on the "Schedule Your Photography Session" link on the home page; or call the church office for assistance—715-597-3213.

**F. IGNITE Budget:** IGNITE will be added as a Line Item in the 2018 OELC Budget. As of January 1, 2018, the IGNITE offering will go to the OELC Miscellaneous General Fund unless an offering is specifically designated to go elsewhere. The free-will offering for the IGNITE meal will continue to go fully to IGNITE.

**G. Pastor Display in Fellowship Hall:** Pastor Leroy Johnsrud's picture needs to be included in the display.

**VIII FEBRUARY COUNCIL MEETING:**

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The next Council meeting is set for Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at 7:00 PM.

As of now, there is no one signed up for devotions.

A sincere thank you to President Betty Ward for all the work and dedication she put into the job of Council President this past year. A big thank you to the outgoing Council members for a job well done: Maria Paulus, Jody Groell, Brett Jensen, Betty Ward, and student representative, Caroline Tietjens!

**IX ADJOURNMENT:**

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Motion to adjourn without objection was made by Caroline Tietjens. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Dodge, Council Secretary