

OSSEO EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

July 12, 2017

**I The REGULAR MEETING OF THE OELC COUNCIL WAS CALLED TO ORDER** by President Betty Ward at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, July 12, 2017. Members present were: Betty Ward, Brett Jensen, Carol Dodge, David Lundberg, Erin Everson, Jody Groell, John Haugen, Maria Paulus, Mary Jo Halverson, Thea Vojtik and Traci Loonstra. Member absent was Caroline Tietjens. . Church Staff present were: Pastor Terry Lorenz, Deanna Klindworth, Molly Vold, and Dan Newman.

**II DEVOTIONS were led by Pastor Terry**

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**III SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

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- Minutes from the June 14, 2017 Council meeting were reviewed. Motion made by David Lundberg and seconded by Traci Loonstra to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

**IV TOPIC OF THE DAY**

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**Nick Barka---Eagle Scout Project:** Nick is currently a Life Scout and is beginning to work on a proposal for his Eagle Project in order to attain the rank of Eagle Scout. His desire is to have his Eagle Project benefit OELC. Nick's project proposal is to build shelves to be used by Les Munnik for the ASP and C-YA youth group supplies and also to build outdoor benches that could be used by anyone at OELC for outside gatherings. To help with the cost of the building materials, Nick plans to obtain personal donations and possible donations from building supply businesses. Once his proposal is approved, Nick hopes to start his project in early fall, 2017 with completion by the end of the year. The Council felt Nick's project was a very good idea and thanked him for his generous offer. The Eagle Scout Project will be addressed again under New Business.

**V STAFF REPORTS:**

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**A. Parish Administrator's Report:** Molly reviewed the "Bills To Be Paid" portion of the monthly financial report.

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

- Prior to the Council meeting, Deanna Klindworth provided the Council with month-end budget handouts.
- Motion made to approve the financial report as printed was made by Mary Jo Halverson. Seconded by Traci Loonstra. Motion carried.

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

- Pastor Terry asked permission to remove the wallpaper from his office (Pastor's Study) and then paint the walls. Council approved.
- Air Conditioning in the Family Room, Office, and Study may need to be replaced as it is not working well. (This involves the AC unit outside the front window.) John Haugen will talk to Hageness Heating and Air Conditioning about this matter.
- Pastor Terry will track his mileage for two months and then report to the Council

**D. Youth & Family Ministry:** Les Munnik (Betty Ward presented Les's written report in his absence)

- ASP was a very successful mission trip with the most ever youth and adults taken. Best kids ever—respectful and hardworking kids. The ASP slide show at Ignite Service on June 28<sup>th</sup> was very well attended. In two months, we apply for ASP 2018. Planning for the “Dueling Pianos” has begun. Les will have budget reports at the August Council meeting. After all the bills from the ASP trip are paid, there should be approximately \$1,000 left in the budget to start the registration process for next year and for the start of C-YA youth group in the fall.
- Vacation Bible School will be held on the four Wednesdays in August from 3:30 to 5:30 PM. VB will be tied into the Ignite worship service. Cost of VB is \$10 per youth or \$20 a family.
- Free Table of Friendship Community Meals are doing well. 100 people served at the first meal, 88 served at the second meal. We have received a \$500 grant from Global for this ministry. Curt Nelson has been the chief cook. Les thanks all who have helped support this ministry.
- The Friendship Club went on a Brewers Bus trip in June.
- Les is planning to meet with the Jr. and Sr. High Youth leaders the first part of August to plan programming for this coming fall.
- Les is working with Pastor Terry to plan a meeting with the Sunday School teachers and Jim Newman to discuss music for this coming year's Sunday School.
- Les will be at Luther Park Bible Camp the week of July 23<sup>rd</sup> to July 28<sup>th</sup>. He will come back to Osseo on Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup> for the Ignite service. Approximately 23 OELC youth will have attended Bible Camp this summer.

**VI COMMITTEE REPORTS/MINISTRY UPDATES**

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**A. Property Committee:** John Haugen

- Landscaping is being done at the Parsonage by Pastor Terry and Val. They have done a fantastic job. Parsonage yard looks beautiful. Thank you to Pastor Terry and Val!
- Sidewalk at back of the parsonage will need attention.
- Previous renters have moved from the small parsonage.

**B. Social Concerns—Food Pantry :** Jody Groell

The Social Concerns Committee will meet after the church service on Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup> to brainstorm ways to help the Food Pantry.

**C. Stewardship/Finance Committee will meet in August.**

- D. Executive Committee will meet with Pastor Terry on July 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:00.** The purpose of this mid-year meeting is to stay in touch, find out how things are going, and address any questions/concerns Pastor Terry or the Council may have.

**E. Kingdom Kids Christian Preschool (KKCP):** Carol Dodge

KKCP is still searching for a Director/Teacher. Advertising for this position has been done on many Social Media sites and Job Boards with NO response. An ad for the position will be running in the Ad-Delite for the next two weeks. If KKCP does not find a candidate for the Director/Teacher position by the end of the first week in August, the KKCP Board plans to suspend KKCP services.

The ad for the Director/Teacher position will also be printed in the church bulletin and church newsletter.

## **VII NEW BUSINESS:**

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**A. Les Munnik—Synodically Authorized Minister at OELC:** Les has completed the required coursework for him to serve as a Synodically Authorized Minister (SAM). Les will be required to take a continuing education class every year through the synod (once a month meetings in Chippewa Falls from September to May). The Council was presented with the ELCA guidelines Les will adhere to as a Synodically Authorized Minister at OELC. The guidelines are:

- Les's authorization to serve as a SAM is limited to OELC only and shall be reviewed annually and renewed only when a demonstrated need remains.
- Les will be supervised by an ordained minister of Word and Sacrament.
- Les's position as a SAM is not a rostered position within the ELCA.
- Les will be authorized to lead worship including presiding at the sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion.
- Les will be authorized to preside at weddings for members of this congregation only.
- In his service as a SAM, Les will not wear clerical stoles or a clerical collar. An Alb may be worn when leading worship.
- Les shall use the title "SAM" as the title "Pastor" is reserved for ordained, rostered ministers.

This topic will be further discussed at the August Council meeting when Les will be able to be in attendance.

**B. Sunday School Envelopes:** Council felt Sunday School offering and envelopes should be continued.

**C. Church Mutual Information:** A Nurse's Hotline is a benefit OELC is receiving through Church Mutual.

**D. Nick Barka's Eagle Scout Project:** Motion was made by John Haugen to approve Nick's Eagle Scout project proposal which is to build shelves to be used for the ASP and C-YA youth group supplies and also to build benches that could be used for anyone at OELC for outside gatherings. Motion seconded by David Lundberg. Motion carried.

## **VIII OLD BUSINESS**

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**A. Personnel Policies Handbook:** Tabled

**B. Online Giving:** Molly reported that an online giving program has been selected to try. Some people in the congregation have tried it out and report that it is simple to use and very convenient. More information will be coming to the congregation.

**C. Bold Generosity:** Tabled

**D. Fellowship Hall—Sound System:** Information is being gathered; waiting for quotes.

**E. Church Fee Schedule:** Pastor Terry gave an update on the new OELC Building Use and Fee Schedule. Motion made by Traci Loonstra to approve the OELC Building Use and Fee Schedule as presented by Pastor Terry. Motion seconded by Mary Jo Halverson. Motion carried.

**F. Heating—Sunday School Wing:** Council discussed the problem with the green room and lobby in the Sunday School wing not getting heat. This matter will be discussed further at the next council meeting.

**IX AUGUST COUNCIL MEETING:**

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Next Council meeting is set for Wednesday, August 9, 2017 at 7:00 PM. Devotions will be led by Traci Loonstra.

**X ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn without objection was made by Erin Everson. Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted by Carol Dodge, Council Secretary