

OSSEO EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

June 14, 2017

I The REGULAR MEETING OF THE OELC COUNCIL WAS CALLED TO ORDER by President Betty Ward at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, June 14, 2017. Members present were: Betty Ward, Brett Jensen, Carol Dodge, David Lundberg, Erin Everson, Jody Groell, John Haugen, Maria Paulus, and Thea Vojtik. Members absent were Caroline Tietjens and Traci Loonstra. Church Staff present were: Pastor Terry Lorenz, Deanna Klindworth, and Dan Newman.

II DEVOTIONS were led by Carol Dodge

III SECRETARY'S REPORT:

- Minutes from the May 17, 2017 Council meeting were reviewed. Motion made by Brett Jensen and seconded by Maria Paulus to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.
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IV TOPICS OF THE DAY

A. OELC Building Use/Fee Schedule: Pastor Terry, Jody Groell, Erin Everson

Pastor Terry presented an updated proposal for the OELC Building Use Guidelines and Fee Schedule.

The main goals of the proposal are to:

1. Adjust the fee schedule to help cover rising costs.
2. Provide for a staff member to be at the church for the duration of all gatherings outside of the sponsored ministries of our church and/or regular office hours. (The staff member would unlock, stay, clean up, and lock up.)

Discussion followed. Council members were asked to review the proposed OELC Building Use Guidelines. This will be addressed again at a future Council meeting.

B. Personnel Policy

Council discussed the updated Personnel Policies Handbook. The Handbook will be revisited at the July Council meeting. Additional questions/concerns should be directed to Traci Loonstra before the July Council meeting.

V STAFF REPORTS:

A. Parish Administrator's Report: No report this month as Molly Vold is on the ASP trip.

B. Assistant Parish Administrator's Report: Deanna Klindworth

- Prior to the Council meeting, Deanna Klindworth provided the Council with month-end budget handouts, bills to be paid, and debt balances.
- Deanna Klindworth informed the Council that Molly Vold will now be responsible for the "Bills To Be Paid" portion of the monthly financial report instead of Deanna. This change has been approved by the Personnel Committee.
- Motion was made by Dave Lundberg and seconded by Maria Paulus to have the Ignite free will food offering go fully to Ignite. The general offering collected at Ignite will be split 50/50 with 50% of the offering going to Ignite and 50% going to OELC's General Fund. Motion carried.
- Motion made to approve the financial report as printed was made by Erin Everson. Seconded by Thea Vojtik. Motion carried.

C. Pastor's Report: Pastor Terry

- Sunday School: Melissa Jensen will be in charge of the Sunday School Music again for the 2017-2018 Sunday School year. Pastor Terry would like the children to sing in church on a regular basis, once a month. Pastor Terry will discuss this with Melissa and Sunday School teachers.
- Pastor Terry is making plans for OELC's celebration of the 500th Year Anniversary of the Reformation. Pastor Terry plans to talk about the Reformation during the church services on October 2, 2017 in order to give the congregation background knowledge about the Reformation. On Reformation Sunday, Oct. 29th, a skit will be performed during the church services to acknowledge the 500 Anniversary of the Reformation.
- OELC has received a donation for a Lectionary Book. The lectionary provides a three-year series of readings for Sundays. The donation has been given for the first year Lectionary Book. The monies required for the second and third year books have been offered for when needed.

VI COMMITTEE REPORTS/MINISTRY UPDATES

A. Property Committee: John Haugen

Invoices for Parsonage remodeling have been turned in. Please call John Haugen if you have a problem or concern for the Property Committee as he does not have e-mail.

B. Stewardship/Finance Committee: Betty Ward and Carol Dodge

Carol Dodge, Kelsey Dodge, and Kari Dodge Haas will take on the job of scheduling greeters for church services.

C. Social Concerns—Food Pantry:

The Food Pantry is struggling with finding people to volunteer. Volunteers are needed for picking up food from Gordy's and Kwik Trip, unloading trucks, filling shelves, working at the Food Pantry on distribution days, etc. The Social Concerns Committee will meet to brainstorm ways to help the Food Pantry.

VII NEW BUSINESS:

A. Pastor Terry Mileage Review/Garbage Pick-up at Parsonage: Mileage review will be reevaluated at a later date. Garbage pick-up will be at the Parsonage for the Lorenz family. OELC will purchase the bags.

B. Little Parsonage Update: Ness's will be paying rent for the little parsonage through June. Betty Ward and John Haugen will work on Renter Agreements as well as pre-inspection and post inspection checklists for future renters and then report back to Council.

C. Landscaping Proposal for Parsonage: Pastor Terry and Val would like to replace the unhealthy arborvitae shrubs and redo some of the landscaping. Materials will be a donation from the Lorenz family to the church. Council members gave permission and thanked Pastor Terry for doing this project at the parsonage. Electric range has not been taken...still in Pastor Terry's garage.

D. Potential Gift to OELC: Pastor Terry and Dan Newman

Dan reported on the possibility of getting the sound into the kitchen and Fellowship Hall. As of now that part of the sound system is not working. Pastor Terry, Brett, and Dan will do more research on this including cost. Council action on this matter was tabled until the July Council meeting.

E. Executive Board Meeting with Pastor Terry

Executive Board will meet with Pastor Terry in July. Goal is to stay in touch, find out how things are going, address any questions or concerns Pastor Terry may have, etc.

VIII OLD BUSINESS

A. Bold Generosity: Tabled

B. Parsonage Window Fundraiser: Update total of fundraiser is approximately \$6,600. Council was in agreement to continue the Fundraiser and keep the display up in the Narthex.

C Heating –Sunday School Wing: Tabled

D. Online Giving: Molly is working on this and will give a report at the July Council meeting.

E. Other—Info from Church Mutual; Luther Park and Thrivent thank you letters to OELC

IX MAY COUNCIL MEETING:

Next Council meeting is set for Wednesday, July 12, 2017 at 7:00 PM. Devotions will be led by Pastor Terry.

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

Respectfully submitted by Carol Dodge, Council Secretary