

OSSEO EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

May 6, 2015

The regular meeting of the OELC Council was called to order by President Vern Larson at 6:00PM on Wednesday, May 6, 2015. Members present were: Dionne Anderson, Vern Larson, Tom Peterson, Betty Ward, Allison Barka, Kurt Howson, Maria Paulus, Brett Jensen, Bryce Haas and Tali Kempf. Members absent were: Alyssa Skoyen and Shannon Hasz. Church Staff present were: Pastor Les Munnik, Molly Vold, and Deanna Klindworth. Visitors were Pastor Dan Hoy and Praise Team Director Jim Newman.

Pastor Hoy will begin his interim ministry responsibilities at OELC on May 31, 2015 and serve throughout Pastor Thompson's sabbatical this summer. He provided the Council with an overview of his life prior to his call to serve as well as his service in ministry before retiring to the Eau Claire area.

Jim Newman provided the council with some thoughts and ideas for the music ministry at OELC as well as his desire to be the music director or a part of this. He feels there is a great opportunity for music growth within the church and sees the potential to focus on youth.

Secretary's Report – Minutes from the April 8, 2015 meeting were reviewed. Motion made by Betty W. and seconded by Dionne A. to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

### **Staff Reports**

Assistant Parish Administrator – Deanna K. reviewed the month end budget handouts, including bills to be paid. She asked the Council if she needed to be repaying the Endowment Fund when there is a surplus in the General Fund. Decision was to wait at this time given that during the summer months offerings experienced a decline and it may be necessary to use all that is the general fund to meet obligations in salary and other fixed costs.

### **Committee Reports**

Youth – Bryce H. provided the Council with an update of the recent activities. He shared that there will be 11 youth and 2 adults attending Luther Park this summer and that he will be a CIT there as well. With the recent fund raising efforts and donation from the Endowment Fund, each attendee will only be paying \$125.00.

Family Ministry – Pastor Les –ASP is fast approaching. The May 14<sup>th</sup> steak fry is the final fund raiser for the event. He also shared that the fund raising is doing very well and that Sunday June 14<sup>th</sup> will be the commissioning service for ASP at OELC.

The C-ya group also gives 10% of the funds they raise for scholarships. These scholarships are given out based on community service. Three (3) \$500 scholarships are to be given this year.

Property – Tali K. provided an update of the committee's most recent meeting. A list of projects was developed that will be made available for people to volunteer to complete. Larger projects that were identified will require outside contractor assistance. She also mentioned that the two signs on Highways 10 and 53 need repainting or?

Pre-School – Allyson b. shared that the free will offering bake sale will be Sunday May 10<sup>th</sup>.

Worship - Lori Reynolds, Committee Chair, provided Council with the members of her committee and that a meeting will take place in the near future.

Endowment Fund – Tom P. provided the Council with an overview of the recent meeting where selections were made for scholarships to be awarded to high school seniors this year as well as the decision to donate \$50 per attendee at Luther Park this summer.

Stewardship/Finance – a meeting is scheduled for Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup> following the worship service.

**Old Business** – no additional old business was brought forth.

**New Business** – Vacation Bible School will be June 29<sup>th</sup> – July 1<sup>st</sup>. Melissa Jensen is heading this up, Luther Park is once again leading the program.

**Staff Needs** – discussion focused on the next steps to determine the desired staff needs for OELC. Vern L. will discuss with Pastor Thompson his desires to proceed with this through the summer or wait until he returns following his sabbatical. Motion to adjourn without objection made by Bryce H. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tom Peterson, Council Vice President