

OSSEO EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

May 4, 2016

The regular meeting of the OELC Council was called to order by President Tom Peterson at 6:59PM on Wednesday, May 4, 2016. Members present were: Tom Peterson, Betty Ward, Dionne Anderson, Traci Loonstra, John Haugen, Jody Groell, Dave Lundberg, Brett Jensen, Maria Paulus, and Carol Dodge. Members absent were: Wyatt Holmen and Curt Howsen. Church staff present were: Pastor Bryan, Pastor Hosmann, Molly Vold, Deanna Klindworth, Les Munnik, and Jim Newman.

Secretary's Report

- Minutes from previous meetings were reviewed.
 - April 10th Special Congregational Meeting – motion made by John H and seconded by Dionne A to accept the minutes as recorded. Motion carried.
 - April 13th Council Meeting – motion made by Betty W and seconded by Jody G to accept the minutes as recorded. Motion carried.
 - April 20th Council Meeting – motion made by John H and seconded by Dave L to accept the minutes as recorded. Motion carried.
 - April 28th Special Congregational Meeting – motion made by Brett J and seconded by John H to accept the minutes as recorded. Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS

Parish Administrator's Report

- No report

Assistant Parish Administrator's Report

- Deanna K reviewed the month end budget handouts and bills that were provided to Council members prior to the meeting. No concerns.
- Following the review, Deanna noted she would like approval of bills and reports like past council meetings. There was discussion if any approvals were necessary each month for the financial reports. Council agreed no motion for approval was necessary and will continue to review month end reports as is.

Youth and Family Report

- Steak Fry is next Thursday
- Two ASP workshops are complete – construction is next.
- Stock sale is currently going on
- Presented a request to hold a joint Commissioning service for those going on the ASP trip on 6/12 at UCC at 9am. Motion made by Betty W and seconded by Carol D to hold a combined service at UCC. Motion carried.

Pastors' Report

- Twenty youth have confirmed their faith and affirmed their baptisms.
- The Call Committee has met with the bishop and will soon meet with him again to receive names of pastors to interview for a possible Call to serve OELC.
- New summer worship schedule begins 5/15 and VBS is scheduled for 7/6-7/8 this year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Social Concerns Committee

- Established mission statement and three focus statements to support the Social Concerns mission.
- Creating a pamphlet to hand to new members and to facilitate member interest in volunteering for the ministry activities.

- Senior boxes is a new project rolling out to provide non-perishable food items to elderly, home-bound individuals in our community.
- Working to organize a group to serve at The Community Table as well as take a group to Feed My People Food Bank to package food items this fall. Would like to involve confirmation classes and Friends of Faith mentors as well as families.

Personnel Committee

- Reviewed final Job Description and compensation for position of Youth and Family Director – Les Munnik. Discussion around start date in August. Motion made by Dave L and seconded by Carol D to approve Full Time Youth and Family Director filled by Les Munnik with a start date of August 7th. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Sound System

- Contract with Audio Architects is complete and ½ down has been paid. Installation is beginning in June.

Parsonage #1

- Discussion regarding the current move out date was discussed. Motion made by to extend the move out date to 6/1 by Brett J. Seconded by Maria P. Motion carried.
- Discussion around property improvements that are needed. New paint and carpet are a priority once parsonage is open. Also reviewing proposals for replacing windows and service door. Property Committee is to work through the details and present final plans at future date.

Senior Breakfast

- Coming up on 5/15. Everything is set. Deanna mentioned the Junior parents may need some help. Carol, Traci and Betty all said they could assist if needed.

Synod Assembly Donation

- Discussion for upcoming Synod Assembly and possible donation. Motion made to do a basket/door offering at end of service on 5/8 to go to the Synod Assembly made by Carol D. Seconded by Traci L. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Endowment Fund

- Need to update signatures to allow for fund changes/withdrawals. Will put Molly in place of Val.

Chairs

- Discussion on replacing chairs in the meeting room. Deferred to the property committee.

Community Gardens

- Pastor Les brought forward idea of using some space in back to create community gardens. Deferred to the property committee.

Next council meeting is set for Wednesday, June 8, 2016 at 7:00pm. Devotions - Maria

Motion to adjourn was made by Brett J to adjourn without objection.

Respectfully submitted by Traci Loonstra, Council Secretary