

Osseo Evangelical Lutheran Church Council
Wednesday, December 11, 2019
7:00 PM

I. THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE OELC COUNCIL WAS CALLED TO ORDER by President Eric Rogness at 7 PM on Wednesday, December 11, 2019. Members present were: Frans Carlstrom, Erin Everson, Mary Jo Halvorson, Linda Heiman, Patty Hoffman, Maggie Luallen, Denny Lindell, Brent McCune and Thea Vojtik. Church Staff present were: Molly Vold and Pastor Terry Lorenz.

II. DEVOTIONS were led by Erin Everson

III. SECRETARY'S REPORT

A. Minutes from the November 13, 2019 Council meeting were reviewed.

*****Motion was made** by Erin and seconded by Linda to approve the November 13, 2019 council minutes.
Motion Carried

B. Follow up of the Email vote on November 21, 2019 allowing Eric Rogness to be added as an authorized signer to any and all bank accounts of OELC at CCFBank.

*****Motion was made** by Frans and seconded by Brent to approve the vote. **Motion Carried**

IV. STAFF REPORTS

A. Administrator's Report: Molly Vold

- Molly reviewed the bills paid and bills that need to be paid.

- Molly presented an overview of the monthly financial report.

*****Motion was made** by Maggie and seconded by Patty to accept the financial report. **Motion Carried**

- Molly gave a report on the new REALM software purchased for doing the church finances. The new software is a more user friendly format that will work well with her other programs. January 1st is the launch date of the new REALM software. She will be sending the council members a snap shot of the chart of accounts from our current software and from the new REALM software for comparison.

Molly passed around Thank You cards from the *Pine Ridge Retreat Center* and also the *Bold Generosity Campaign*, thanking the congregation for our financial support of these two outreach ministries.

B. Pastor's Report: Pastor Terry Lorenz

- Former Preschool Sign

More was removed than what was planned for on the sign, everything came out. We'll store the parts until next summer then decide on what to do with it. Looking into possibly an electronic sign with ability to change message or offer instruction for special events. Ben from City Hall will send us rules and application for our consideration. We will revisit this issue next Spring.

- Mini Food Pantry at OELC

Social Concerns is looking into having a cabinet built by the High School shop class that would be placed under the coat rack by the main entrance. This could provide some needed assistance to folks in the community.

- Cell phone bill will be \$64.33 not the \$35 originally told, still \$10 less than allowance.

- Heating System control in main boiler room
Main component on the controller is not functional. A Trane representative is looking into a replacement controller and will send us a bid on replacing.
- Gas Card for Tim Friedhof for all his help in letting in the construction workers during the chapel rebuild project.
*****Motion was made** by Maggie and seconded by Frans to give a \$50 gift card to Tim Friedhof in appreciation of his help. **Motion Carried.**
- Sound System for Chapel
Flagship will be moving in there for contemporary worship.
 - Option 1: We could use current portable sound system we already have for now.
 - Option 2: Consider bid of \$7965 for sound system components plus \$1000 for TV to mount on the wall.
 We did have Consulting with Clarity do the wiring within the walls while they were open.
Currently we have about \$5900 in special gifts for audio/visual.
Other gifts for chapel - \$3000.
- New chairs for Family Room
We have about \$3000 given with a couple of ideas.
Wrap fascia on the roof, order new chairs, etc.
- Chapel update as of 12-10-19:
Drywall hung, taping and mudding scheduled for today, painter was here last week to consult on wall color, cabinet builder was here yesterday and indicated cabinets will be delivered 1st week of 2020.
Sound system wiring is in, shrubs and tree along east side were cut down (consulted with Rosemary T.) to allow for tenting for masons to begin putting brick on, doors will be hung next week, holes cut and louvers installed, carpet layers coming early next week.
- Bob Rongstad and I are looking for a slab of wood to make an altar out of for the Chapel.

Discussion was held regarding the line item in the proposed 2020 budget that serves as a placeholder by combining the 2019 salaries of the Parish Administrator and the Parish Administrator Assistant so as to allow for that combined amount of money to be budgeted while not yet knowing how it will ultimately be divided or if it will all even be needed. The proposed placeholder amount of \$48,969 is intended to provide for parish administration needs in 2020 among multiple staff members that we can not yet envision as we are in a time of transition.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. WELCA – Maggie

Artificial Christmas tree in the sanctuary was bought by WELCA. Christmas Buffet with Stouthearted Men went well.

B. C-YA/Youth – Frans

Second payment for summer mission trip is due. There will be 26 youth and 6 adults going to Kansas City. This Sunday the youth will be hosting coffee hour. They will also be providing gift wrapping and free babysitting. Emergency contact forms will be filled out for the babysitting service.

C. Property – Frans

Looking at bids and roofers for spring roofing project.

D. Evangelism – Erin

Question as to the amount that is budgeted to the Evangelism account per year. Molly will look into and get back to the council on how the money is spent and if there is a need to allocate more to this fund.

E. Stewardship – Denny

Next Stewardship breakfast is scheduled for January 12.

We will need to find a heated room for storage of the organ equipment once repairs are under way.

Denny, Pastor Terry, Eric and Molly are exploring options for our church audit.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. 2020 Final Budget is being finalized.

B. Call Committee Update - No candidates as of now.

C. Council Nominating Committee (Erin Everson, Mary Jo Halvorson, Thea Vojtik)

Three of the four positions are filled for the council nominations: Dennis Barka, Tony Bollinger and Sheila Nelson. Emily Wilkinson is tentatively thinking about the fourth position. Pastor Terry will give her a follow up call.

D. Temple Talk debrief from 11/24 & 12/8

Well attended with good question and answer time. Will have a vote at the annual meeting on the debt retirement.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Annual Meeting - January 26, 2020 between services.

All committee reports need to be turned into Molly now.

VII. DEVOTIONS next month Denny Lindell

IX. ADJOURNMENT with the Lord's Prayer.

*****Motion made** to adjourn without any objection by Maggie. **Motion carried.**

Next regular council meeting: January 8, 2020 at 7p.m.