

OSSEO EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING  
November 9, 2016

The regular meeting of the OELC Council was called to order by President Tom Peterson at 7:02PM on Wednesday, November 9, 2016. Members present were: Tom Peterson, Betty Ward, Traci Loonstra, Jody Groell, Brett Jensen, Maria Paulus, Dave Lundberg, John Haugen, and Carol Dodge. Members absent were: Dionne Anderson, Wyatt Holmen and Kurt Howson. Church staff present were: Pastor Terry Lorenz, Deanna Klindworth, Les Munnik and Jim Newman.

Pastor Terry led Devotions.

Secretary's Report

- Minutes from the October 12<sup>th</sup> Council meeting were reviewed. Two requests for amendments:
  - In the KKCP update, reference of the proceeds from the bazaar should actually be WELCA.
  - Submitted by should be from Jody Groell, Council Member and Acting Secretary.
- Motion made by Traci L and seconded by Maria P to accept the minutes as amended. Motion carried.

Proposed Budget Review

- Completed initial review by line item. Final proposal is to come in December in preparation for Annual Meeting.

**STAFF REPORTS**

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Parish Administrator's Report

- Reports are due for the Annual Report by December 1.

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.

Pastors' Report

- Thanks to Council for card and picture!
- Update on upcoming services:
  - 11/23 – Thanksgiving Eve service at South Beef
  - 12/11 – Choir Cantata
  - 12/18 – Sunday School Christmas program at 10:45 service
  - 12/24 – Services at 4:30pm, 6pm, and 10pm
  - 12/25 – Service at 9am
  - 1/1 – Lessons and carols at 9am
- Confirmation has been going well! Have been watching the reformation movie
- Met with the Special Funds Committee. Have some accounts set. Committee will be meeting regularly to review.
- Advent and Ignite services will be combined during the 2016 Advent season as a trial run.
- Discussion on Insurance coverage for events not on site or for volunteers driving kids. We currently don't have coverage for this type of activity. Les is going to continue to research costs.

Youth & Family Ministry

- Pizza sale was very successful – thanks to everyone for their support!
- CYA bowling event last Sunday had 30+ kids! TGIF bowling event in Augusta had 10 kids!
- Reminder of Deer Hunter's dinner next Saturday. Carry-outs available too!
- College boxes will be shipping in early December.
- Working with John Haugen on possible options for a youth room.
- Reviewed funds for ASP fundraising. Off to a great start with \$7000 earned towards \$28000 needed.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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### Kingdom Kids Christian Preschool

- Part-time employee put in resignation. Erin is not interested in Director at this time, but will work up to 32 hours.
- Effective November 14<sup>th</sup>, KKCP will be adjusting hours to 7:45-4 Mon-Thur.
- Currently losing about \$1000/month. They are going month to month financially and may need additional support.

### Special Gifts

- Reviewed how the Special Gifts accounts and committee works:
  - Categories/accounts can be added or removed by the committee. Church or Council can request categories as needed.
  - Any distribution less than \$2000 can be approved by committee. Anything greater than \$2000 needs council approval.

### Personnel

- Reviewed options for mileage reimbursement for Pastor Terry which includes either per mile or a monthly mileage allowance. Motion made to reimburse Pastor Terry for mileage in the amount of \$300/month from September 2016 to June 2017 by Traci L and seconded by Dave L. Motion carried. We will review mileage reimbursement again in June 2017 after Pastor Terry moves into the parsonage.

### Worship

- Recruiting anyone interested in operating the sound system. There will be training sessions provided. Also, the worship isn't coming in the fellowship hall speakers and this is being looked into.
- Discussed announcements before starting service and everyone agreed this is the way to go.
- The Advent service and Ignite service should be combined on Wednesday nights.
- Christmas Day will not be Praise Team Sunday and the following Sunday will be a service of carols and readings. 12/25 and 1/1 services will be one service at 9.

### Evangelism

- New member Sunday will be 12/4 at both services.
- Committee is looking in to having a Christmas parade float.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

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### Giving Kiosk

- Brett attended presentation to understand technical set-up. We discussed possibly trialing it at upcoming events. Brett will work with Molly to get it set up for a trial.

### Sound System

- Review of expenses – total cost was \$51,421.48 vs \$45,000 budget. Cost was covered from the following accounts: \$8203.12 from special fund, \$3387.37 from Praise Team funds, \$35000 from Endowment and the remaining \$4830.99 from General Funds (only amount not paid/donated by others).

### Harvest Supper

- Reviewed expenses and profit. Overall profit was \$5781.18.
- Motion made to allocate \$2500 for Kingdom Kids Christian Preschool on an as needed basis to cover monthly expenses by Traci L and seconded by Maria P. Motion carried.
- Further discussion on additional disbursement will be at December meeting.

### Rental of Small Parsonage

- Discussed how to handle rent, utilities, and potentially animals. Agreed to continue renting and keep utilities extra. If a renter has animals, larger deposit or increased rent should be considered. This would be up to the property committee.

### Nominating Committee

- If anyone knows of someone who is interested, let the committee know. We will be seeking 3 – 3 yr terms and 1 – 1 yr term.

### Noisy offering

- Well received and will continue!

### **NEW BUSINESS**

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### Audit Committee

- Committee is set up and ready to go.

Next council meeting is set for Wednesday, December 14, 2016 at 7:00pm. Devotions will be led by Les.

Motion to adjourn without objection was made by Maria P.

Respectfully submitted by Traci Loonstra, Council Secretary