

OSSEO EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
January 11, 2017

The regular meeting of the OELC Council was called to order by President Tom Peterson at 7:02PM on Wednesday, January 11, 2017. Members present were: Tom Peterson, Betty Ward, Traci Loonstra, Jody Groell, Brett Jensen, Dave Lundberg, John Haugen, Dionne Anderson, Maria Paulus, and Carol Dodge. Members absent were: Wyatt Holmen and Kurt Howson. Church staff present were: Pastor Terry Lorenz, Deanna Klindworth, Molly Vold, and Les Munnik. Also present was Eric Rogness on behalf of the Endowment Fund Committee.

Brett Jensen led Devotions.

Secretary's Report

- Minutes from the December 14th Council meeting were reviewed. Motion made by Betty W and seconded by Jody G to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Endowment Fund Committee Representation

- Eric Rogness was present to give an update on the committee members for 2017. Eric has completed his third year – the Council thanked him for his time!
- Motion to have Tom Peterson join the Endowment Fund Committee for a 3 year term beginning in 2017 was made by John H and seconded by Jody G. Motion Carried.

Youth Representative to Council

- Les Munnik shared that Caroline Tietjens was interested in serving as the Youth Representative to Council for 2017.
- Motion to have Caroline Tietjens be the 2017 Youth Representative to Church Council was made by Betty W and seconded by Traci L. 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.

Pastors' Report

- Follow-up on closure policy – we have a protocol now in place as well as contact information for various outlets should the need arise again.
- Reviewed property issues including wet floor in Men's bathroom and heating issues.
- Midweek lent services will be in the sanctuary and we will participate in the round robin with other churches.
- January 15th – 3rd grade bibles will be presented.
- Confirmation continues to go very well!
- WIC is utilizing the Sunday School area on the 3rd Monday of each month and is asking to renew their contract for this time/space. All agreed this should continue.

Youth & Family Ministry

- Attended Synod Youth Conference and received lots of great ideas! Will be receiving 11,000 Legos to build during February by the confirmation students.
- Eighty were supported at Ruby's Pantry!
- CYA – Feb 4th will be at Les' house with Sue Fischer and Janet Bowerman leading activity. Feb 19th will be dinner at school for youth in this year's play.
- Insurance – meetings are being held at end of January. Matt Nelson will be attending to help support. Planning to follow up at February Council Meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

WELCA

- Kitchen Remodel donation in memory of Pastor Thompson. Purchased a new stove and microwave!

Property Committee

- Update on the Parsonage – Painting is pretty much complete. Now working on carpet – need to tear out old and order new. Locks have been changed.

Social Concerns Committee

- Met on 1/8/17 to discuss senior programming for the Community.
 - Les talked about establishing a senior program for ages 55 and older which would include a meal, entertainment and games 3 to 4 times per year. Also considering Bus day trips. Committee decided to have a Valentine's Day party on February 16th from 11:30-1:30 as the first senior program. A follow up meeting is scheduled for 3/5 to discuss concerns, comments and feedback from this first program.
 - Also would like to offer one free community meal a month held from 4-6pm. Les is going to follow up with UCC to see if they would be interested in joining us in this new ministry.
- The Tri-County Food Pantry is in need of workers. Two local food pantries have had to close their doors – it's important that we keep this ministry! Sign up at the office if able to work.

Kingdom Kid's Christian Preschool

- Update on financial status – they were able to make it through December with payments, however will need to borrow for January. They will be using monies from the Endowment Fund.
- Erin Everson will now have enough hours to work unsupervised!

Special Funds

- Request to change account 6.64 from Piano/Organ Maintenance to Organ Restoration with a target of \$120,000. Piano/Organ Maintenance is already accounted for in the General Fund accounts.
- Motion to change account 6.64 from Piano/Organ Maintenance to Organ Restoration with a target of \$120,000 was made by Dave L and seconded by Brett J. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

NONE

OLD BUSINESS

Annual Meeting

- Meeting will be held on January 29th. Council should arrive at 7:30 to assist with set-up for Coffee Hour.
- Reviewed minutes to be presented at Annual Meeting – no concerns.
- Pastor Terry will announce the Annual Meeting date/time during the next 2 Sundays.
- A reminder that the new Council will meet right after the conclusion of the Annual Meeting, and then a kick-off retreat will be held on February 4th for those that are able to attend.
- Dan Newman requested to speak briefly at the Meeting regarding the need for Organ Restoration.

Heating System

- Concerns with heat in part of the building such as the Green room and other locations.
- Recommended to have someone come in and walk through to use the current heating system.

Special thanks to Tom Peterson and Dionne Anderson for their years of service with the Council!

Next council meeting is set for Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at 7:00pm. Devotions will be led by Betty.

Motion to adjourn without objection was made by Maria P.

Respectfully submitted by Traci Loonstra, Council Secretary