

OSSEO EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
December 14, 2016

The regular meeting of the OELC Council was called to order by President Tom Peterson at 7:01PM on Wednesday, December 14, 2016. Members present were: Tom Peterson, Betty Ward, Traci Loonstra, Jody Groell, Brett Jensen, Dave Lundberg, John Haugen, and Dionne Anderson. Members absent were: Maria Paulus, Carol Dodge, Wyatt Holmen and Kurt Howson. Church staff present were: Pastor Terry Lorenz, Deanna Klindworth, Molly Vold, Les Munnik and Jim Newman.

Les led Devotions.

Secretary's Report

- Minutes from the November 9th Council meeting were reviewed. Motion made by Betty W and seconded by Jody G to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

2017 Council Nominations

- Nominating committee met and will be putting forth the following church members for a 3-year term on Church Council: Mary Jo Halvorsen, Thea Votjik, and Erin Everson.
- In addition, Kurt Howson has resigned from Council. The nominating committee will be putting forth Jody Groell's name for a 1-year term to complete his term.

2017 Proposed Budget & OELC Missional Budget

- Completed a final review of the proposed budgets.
- Motion made to accept the Proposed Budget and Missional Budget to be presented to the Congregation for approval at the Annual meeting made by Jody G and seconded by Traci L. Motion carried.

STAFF REPORTS

Parish Administrator's Report

- Discussion on Usher Teams for 2017. First service will continue as is with current usher teams. For second service, will be looking to include families in the 2nd service for greater participation.
- Reviewed Push Pay as a "giving kiosk" option. Push Pay has all options available – kiosk, app, text pay, etc. First 3 months are a free trial with no contract, after that it's \$120/mo in 1st yr. If we don't increase by 5%, we would receive our money back. Molly to follow-up with Q&A and email responses to be discussed at next meeting.

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

- Discussed closure policy – agreed that Pastor and Council President would make the determination. Would notify via news, radio and Facebook. Will put it in the upcoming bulletin so the Congregation is aware of where to look.
- Christmas program will be at the 10:45 service on 12/18.
- New Year's Day – Bethany is coming and there will not be communion.
- Lent – Ash Wednesday is March 1st. Mid-week services will be held in the sanctuary throughout lent - worship committee will discuss Ignite. Palm Sunday will be the Cantata.
- April 2nd will be First Communion for 6th grade. They will be participating in classes during March. If other families are interested they can see Pastor Terry.

Youth & Family Ministry

- Last Sunday CYA was held at Les' house. This Sunday will be Cards at church.
- Advent Ignite going well – having banner made
- ASP Leaders are all in place!

- Meeting with Social Concerns in January to discuss Senior Program & Free Community Meal
- Ruby's Pantry had 170 clients this past time. Thanks to all of the volunteers that help make it run!
- Going to start a High School Bible Study on Sundays between services.
- Insurance – still reviewing needs from various companies. Les is going to reach out to Matt Nelson to assist in review.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Audit Committee

- Reviewed Audit Committee members. Coco Olson is in her last year. Terri Swett has 2 years remaining. Kelly Schwoch would be a new member with 3 years.
- Motion made to approve the Audit Committee of Coco Olson, Terri Swett and Kelly Schwoch and allow Deanna to get a substitute if needed by Brett J and seconded by Jody G. Motion carried.

Property Committee

- Update on the Parsonage – Paint was donated and painting will take place over Christmas break. Wallpaper has all been stripped, removing carpet and they are in the process of changing locks. Still need to consider windows.

Worship Committee

- Discussed designating the noisy offering. No specific designation was made, but think the first ones should go to the youth.
- Reviewed Lenten services.
- Discussed going to one service. At this time, shouldn't make any changes in the middle of the Sunday School year. Any changes will need to be addressed this summer.

Personnel

- Completed interviews for PT Custodian position. Motion made to offer Linda Ness the position of PT Custodian at a rate of \$10 per hour made by Traci L and seconded by Dionne A. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Thrivent Dollars

- Thrivent Dollars have been going into the kitchen fund. Discussion on where the dollars should go in the future. Motion made to begin having the Thrivent Dollars go into the general fund as of December 14th made by Betty W and seconded by Jody G. Motion carried.

WELCA Support for KKCP

- Support for KKCP is not needed now, but will reach out for financial support in future if needed. Endowment did offer \$3000 as well.

Annual Meeting

- Details will be discussed at next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Harvest Supper

- Discussion on disbursement of funds from Harvest Supper of \$5781.18.
- Motion to allocate \$5781.18 to general fund to help pay for Sound System made by Dave L and seconded by Dionne A. Motion carried.

Next council meeting is set for Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at 7:00pm. Devotions will be led by Brett.

Motion to adjourn without objection was made by Traci L.

Respectfully submitted by Traci Loonstra, Council Secretary