

**OSSEO EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**September 9, 2015**

The regular meeting of the OELC Council was called to order by President Vern Larson at 6:32pm on Wednesday, September 9, 2015. Members present were: Vern Larson, Dionne Anderson, Allyson Barka, Shannon Hasz, Kurt Howson, Bret Jensen, Maria Paulus, Tom Peterson, Alyssa Skoyen and Betty Ward. Members absent were: Bryce Haas and Tali Kempf. Church Staff present were: Molly Vold, Deanna Klindworth and Pastor Les Muunik.

Vern L. led devotions with a prayer for Pastor Lewis.

**Order of the Day**

- Two representatives from Clifton Larson Allen were present to discuss the audit process and significant findings thus far. They shared that overall, the Church is in good financial health.
- Jackie Tiller was present and shared an update on her recent visit with Pastor Lewis and Karen.

**Secretary's Minutes Presented**

- Minutes from the August 12, 2015 Church Council Meeting were reviewed.
- Motion made by Bret J. and seconded by Betty W. to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

**Staff Reports**

**Parish Administrator's Report**

- Molly V. reported that she is currently learning many new things with this being her first fall season in this position and invited feedback. Discussion followed affirming her great work. ☺

**Assistant Administrator's Report**

- Deanna K. reviewed the month end budget handouts that were provided to council members prior to the meeting and provided comments regarding the expenses associated with the Summit Companies semi-annual fire service and a partial payment to Clifton Larson Allen for a portion of the total audit bill.
- Discussion was had regarding the process for reimbursement approvals.
- Deanna K. noted a desire to see council create financial policies and procedures out of the audit recommendations once the audit is concluded.
- Overall financials are looking good.
- Motion made by Kurt H. and seconded by Dionne A. to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

**Pastor's Report** – no report.

**Committee Reports**

**Youth**

- Pastor Les shared that he met with the confirmation students tonight and will be meeting with the parents, youth and mentors yet this month to match youth with mentors.
- A team meeting was held last week and planning for the many youth and family programs was completed for the next four months. Events soon-to-come include care packages for college students, chili cook-off, movie night, toddler Sunday, a scavenger hunt, Halloween lock-in and roller skating.
- ASP planning for next year is already underway to determine how many work crews for next year.

**Property**

- Vern L. shared that the flooding that occurred on Sept. 8 did lots of damage in town but thankfully only minor damage to the parsonage. Professional services to replace or repair the sidewalk will be looked into. The church roof leaked into a few places and these repair needs will be investigated also.
- Sweatshirt Sunday is set for October 18, 2015.
- The organ will be fixed tomorrow.
- Motion made by Vern L. and seconded by Maria P. to purchase two vacuums for up to \$1000 total. Motion carried. Allyson B. will look into options.

**Evangelism**

- Bret J. shared that they had a very good committee meeting recently and took video of the Visiting Partners portion of the meeting. They have powerful and moving video footage to share with members.

### Stewardship

- Tom P. shared that efforts have been focused on Rally Day coming up this Sunday.

### Harvest Supper

- Betty W. shared the committee will be coming up with team leaders for each volunteer area this year rather than using sign-up sheets as in past years. Team leaders will then get volunteer for each area.

### Sunday School

- Dionne A. shared that teachers met earlier this evening to get ready for the upcoming kick-off.
- They are excited about Sunday School offering envelopes for the children.
- An open invitation will be extended to area congregations who may need help offering a program.

### Personnel

- Alyssa S. shared that the personnel committee has been working to finalize a benefits package for the Parish Administrator position. The recommendation of the committee was shared.
- Motion made by Bret J. and seconded by Dionne A. to approve payment of 75% of the monthly premium for health insurance and other benefits for the Parish Administrator position through a provider such as Portico or another similar provider. Cost sharing of the premium will be reviewed and adjusted annually. Motion carried.

Finance – no report.

Worship – no report.

Internship – no report.

Special Gifts – no report.

Technology – no report.

Preschool – no report.

Nominating – no report.

## **Old Business**

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### Rally Day

- Tom P. shared that Rally Day set-up will be from 3-6pm this Saturday. The theme is “We are the hands and feet of Jesus” and they are hoping for a great turnout!
- Betty W. shared plans for brunch which includes egg bake, cinnamon rolls, fruit salad and juice. Volunteers are needed to help with food set-up also on Saturday 3-6pm.

## **New Business**

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### Pastor’s Benefit Fund

- Betty W. and Molly V. shared that a checking account has been set up for funds given for Pastor Lewis’ benefit. Those wishing to give may donate directly to this account.
- Discussion followed regarding designating loose offerings.
- Motion made by Betty W. and seconded by Kurt H. to designate loose offerings for the rest of September and October Sundays to the Pastor’s Benefit Fund. Motion carried.

### New Member Class

- To be discussed with the two incoming interim pastors.

### Pastor Hoy’s continued duties:

- Motion made by Betty W. and seconded by Allyson B. to extend Pastor Hoy’s contract until the end of the month on an as needed basis for pastoral coverage. Motion carried.

### Lector Scheduling

- A volunteer is still needed to fill this position.

Next regular council meeting is set for Wednesday, October 14, 2015 at 6:00 PM. Bret J. to lead devotions.

Motion to adjourn was made by Bryce H. to adjourn without objection. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Alyssa Skoyen  
Council Secretary