

Osseo Evangelical Lutheran Church Council  
Wednesday, June 8, 2022  
Pastor Terry's Residence

1. Meeting called to order by President Dennis Barka at 7:05 pm.

Roll call - Council Members Present: Sheila Nelson, Ryan Olson, Nolan Olson, Don Erickson-who sat in the "I have all the answers chair", Dennis Barka, Mark Tlusty, Shannon Hasz, Emily Wilkinson, Jill Welke, Deb Gregory; Absent: Donna Fonner & Tony Bohlinger; Staff Present: Pastor Terry Lorenz, Pastor Dave Hoadley, and Molly Vold  
Special Guest: Val Lorenz (LOL), Philo & Birdie

2. Emily led devotions and Val and Terry shared treats

3. Topics of the day:

- Air conditioner for the parsonage

**\*\*Don made a motion to go with the bid from Hovlands to replace the unit and all the materials that go with it. 2<sup>nd</sup> made by Ryan. Motion passed.**

4. Secretary's minutes presented

**\*\*Motion made by Emily to accept minutes as read. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don. Motion passed.**

5. Staff reports

- **Administrator, Molly**

- Bills paid
- Financial report

**\*\*Motion made by Emily to accept reports. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sheila. Motion passed.**

- **Pastor's report**

- No worship service held at OELC Sunday, June 19th
  - OELC will take part in the Lake Martha Days Community worship service.
- Boundary Waters
  - Group of 7: Bill & Orion Prudlick, Mitchell Halvorson, Brayden Hooker-Alleman, Brandon Ames, Gavin Jeffers, myself
  - We have received donations of camping equipment and gifts of financial support for gas and food.
  - We are borrowing canoes, trailers, etc. from Osseo Boy Scouts.
  - We leave early on Wednesday, June 29 to Sunday, July 3
- Lawn Mower situation
  - Carl says the church mower is getting quite a few hours on it and needs more and more maintenance to keep it running. He also says that parts are harder to find locally and they end up spending more and more time searching online.
  - He has proposed the following options for the council to consider:
    - § Sell or trade the church's current mower which is 16 years old and purchase a new mower.
    - § Sell the church's mower and purchase Carl's mower (2 years old w/bagger and 63 hours) which has a deck too large for his yard.
    - § Sell the church's mower and pay Carl & Nikki \$50 per mowing to take care of the church's yard.

**\*\*Deb made a motion to sell the church mower and pay Carl \$50/ mowing plus pay for the gas he puts in his mower. Sheila 2nd. Motion passed.**

- Housing Allowance
  - Need the council to formally acknowledge that designation in the minutes of a meeting for 2022
  - 16,407.96 (budgeted amount for 2022)

**\*\*Don made a motion to approve the housing allowance for Pastor Terry. 2nd by Ryan. Motion approved.**

### Property Committee

Carl will replace failing fluorescent lights in sign by Hwy 53 with new LED fixtures.

A donor is purchasing and paying for new faucets in the two kitchen sinks that back up to each other.

The AC at the parsonage quote, copies are provided in packets. Need

John Haugen has replaced the broken sash in the Chapel

Still trying to find the time to install new lights in sanctuary

- **Associate Pastor report**

- Feminine products:
  - donations given to the nurse at Osseo-Fairchild High School and Tri County Food Shelf.
  - Nicki stocks the women's bathrooms at church.
  - some feminine products are in mini-pantry cupboard; one
  - possible opportunity: diaper drive.
- Mini-food pantry
  - letters to local grocery stores and convenience stores letting them know about the pantry
  - also posted on the church Facebook page
  - recently discarded expired items, some as long ago as five years or more
  - Want to get the word out so donations are used, not thrown away
- ASP trip
  - tonight is third pre-trip meeting
  - building day to be scheduled, two picnic tables will be built.
  - stock certificates went out in May, and
  - coupons for Bernatello's pizza will be available for purchase.
- Possibilities for visibility
  - sign on the outfield fences at the baseball field
  - per Dan Halverson, cost per year is about \$275 with discounts for buying for multiple years.
  - synod and/or Churchwide could be asked about funds if we include other area ELCA congregations.
- Adopt-a-Highway
  - some sections in the area available:
    - ? Highway 53 from Highway 10 North for what looks to be quite a ways
    - ? Highway 10 from Bolling Road west all the way to Strum
    - ? Highway 10 from Sperber Road east all the way to Fairchild
    - ? Highway 53 from CR E south to Old 53 Road
- Garbage disposal at the parsonage- Ryan is going to check it out.

6. Committee reports
    - No new committee updates
  7. Old business:
    - Temple talk- 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month generally has the biggest crowd
    - Parsonage items- garbage disposal (Ryan will investigate), rain gutters, erosion
    - Church items- Sunday school wing copper trim- Scott Bertrang is planning to check it out, lights- will be installed time permitting, parking lot time frame- Dennis will contact Senn to confirm
  8. New business:
    - Noisy fan discussion
    - Gift for Vern Larson
  9. Devotions & treats for July- Tony Bohlinger
  10. Nolan adjourned with no objections at 8:30.
  11. Adjourned meeting with the Lord's Prayer
- Next meeting Wednesday, July 13, 2022, at 7:00pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Jill Welke, Secretary

I will not be attending the July meeting.