

Osseo Evangelical Lutheran Church Council

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

7:00 PM

I The REGULAR MEETING OF THE OELC COUNCIL WAS CALLED TO ORDER by President Traci Loonstra at 7 PM on Wednesday, May 16, 2018. Members present were: Carol Dodge, Erin Everson, John Haugen, Denny Lindell, Maggie Luallen, Dave Lundberg, Bella Nicolai, Eric Rogness and Thea Vojtik. Church Staff present were: Deanna Klindworth, Pastor Terry Lorenz, Dan Newman, Jim Newman, Molly Vold

II DEVOTIONS were led by Pastor Terry Lorenz

III TOPIC OF THE DAY

- A. Rev. Greg Kaufmann gave council some different options about Planning for the Youth and Family.
- Assistant minister
 - Youth and family leader
 - ?

IV SECRETARY'S REPORT:

- A. Minutes from the April 11, 2018 Council meeting were reviewed.
- Carol Dodge asked about Pastors Report and the training of others for assisting ministering and when this would be. Pastor responded that it would be in the fall.
 - Lori Reynolds name was misspelled in the Committee Reports.
- B. *****Motion** was made by Denny Lindell and seconded by Maggie LuAllen to accept the minutes. **Motion carried.**

V STAFF REPORTS

- A. Administrator's Report: Molly Vold
- Molly Reviewed the "Bills to be Paid" portion of the monthly financial report.
 - Church Financial Mutual Insurance went up \$2425.50
- B. Assistant Parish Administrator's Report: Deanna Klindworth
- Deanna reported on the Finances.
 - *****Motion** was made by Dave Lundberg and seconded by Eric Rogness to accept the financial report. **Motion carried.**
 - Deanna asked council to discuss weather her position is necessary to be full time.
- C. Pastors Report: Pastor Terry Lorenz
- Confirmation 2018-19
 - large class, I am considering splitting into two groups

- plan b if there is no other teacher in place by Sep 1: would not split 8th Grade class but would need to schedule 7th & 8th one after the other on Wednesday night.
- First Communion
 - last month I shared a plan to gradually move it from 6th Grade to 4th Grade
 - next 2 years: two sessions, fall and spring
 - after that we'll teach it in the Spring at 4th Grade
- Boundary Waters Canoe Trip
 - 5 boys, 1 girl, 2 chaperones
 - one spot left open, we're looking for one more girl
- Snow Plowing
 - Joe Thurow is retiring from snow plowing
 - We'll need to find a new person, property committee?
- Lake Martha Days Community Worship Service
 - UCC is responsible for planning this year but we'll take part in some fashion

D. Youth & Family Ministry: Bella Nicolai

- Steak fry was a huge success- best one in 5 years. Super support from community members and city businesses. A huge thank you to all who came to eat and bid on the over 57 raffle prizes.
- This week Sunday ASP workshop at Les' house. The youth will be construction 32 ASP BBQ benches. Giving them good practice on using power saws and drills.
- Commissioning service is set for Wednesday June 13th and will be again in the sanctuary because of the amount of people that usually attend.
- Send off for ASP will be Friday June 15th from the church parking lot
- ASP slide show will be Wednesday June 27th with the IGNITE service.
- Community meals going good. Served 83 at the May dinner. Next community meal will be Wednesday June 13th with brat patties, beans and potato salad being served.
- Next Friendship club will be May 31st. Going to Jack and Judy Kolar's house to see all of Jack's taxidermy

VI COMMITTEE REPORTS/MINISTRY UPDATES

A. Organ Restoration

Committee's role was discussed and members were challenged to consider the following items:

- What is the future of worship at OELC in the next 10, 20, 30 years.

- What is the future of organ music and its role in worship in the next 10, 20,30 years
- What is the future or ability to find and attract trained organists to play in 10, 20, 30 yrs.
- What are the alternate monetary needs for capital items in the church: roof, furnace, etc.
- The original investment of this congregation of this beautiful piece of equipment and how should we maintain it. (1972)

Dan presented:

- A detailed report of the history of the organ
- The problems we are currently experiencing with the organ
- Possible solutions and quotes/bids for repair
 - \$120,000 for complete rebuild of organ
 - Will continue with twice yearly tuning of organ regardless of whatever repairs are done going forward

Other items of discussion:

- Electronic Organ:
 - Approximate cost: \$70,000 to \$80,000
 - Life time of electronic organ: 15-20 years
- Communication with congregation/council on progress of committee
 - Frans and Denny will convey information to both council and/or congregation
 - Written or verbal information to keep congregation informed of progress and to get input
- One meeting scheduled for Dan to demonstrate use of, and problems with the organ
- Contacting additional vendors for opinions and quotes/bids
- Are benefactors available?
 - No grants available
- Options:
 - Rebuild
 - Do nothing
 - Something in between

Assignments:

- Reach out to our congregational members with questions and for their input:
 - Historic preservation
 - Direction of organ use in the future of our congregation
 - Worship preference ideas /styles
 - Solution ideas
- Visit other churches: seeing what is used in their worship service
- Naomi: will check with our synod for suggestions
 - Dave Lundberg asked Dan Newman what he thought the future looked like for finding an organist. Dan responded “it’s not easy but not black either”

B. Endowment. Eric Rogness

The "cliff-notes" of the discussion around scholarship applicants:

- It was a productive discussion about the applicants.
- 9 applicants
- 7 who met all of the requirements for even the minimum scholarship (Hunter and Andrew indicated that they had little to no involvement in church during HS)
- 5 who showed significant involvement in church activities.
- It was decided, based on the scholarship outline, to award the amounts listed.
- Because 5 were very involved church activities and awarding each the amount commiserate with the requirements they achieved, a motion was made to increase the \$10k limit up to \$13k.
 - Note, we discussed leaving the \$10k cap in place and reducing the amount of each award. We felt it was more appropriate to limit the number of awards and increase the cap since we had 5 candidates who were very close in levels of activity in church and school.

Award Recipients:

- 1) Lilyanne Bollinger-\$2,000
- 2) Ethan Dahl-\$3,000
- 3) Madeline Kempf-\$3,000
- 4) Andrea Kubishak-\$3,000
- 5) Caroline Tietjens-\$2,000

- Having more applicants than award money available made it a difficult decision. Awards will be presented at the Senior Breakfast on May 20

C. Worship Committee. Dave Lundberg

- May 6 Vern Larson will be an assisting minister. Others may be asked to do the same.
- SHM will sing this summer with a date to be determined.
- Worship committee talked about live streaming the worship service
- The noisy offering for April through August will go to AV fund (6.71)*****Motion** was made by Dave Lundberg and seconded by Erin Everson. **Motion carried.**

D. Personnel. Pastor Terry Lorenz

- There were a few issues with Janitorial staff as to who was supposed to be taking care of what. Pastor just asked Nikki to take care of the areas of concern.
- Lori Reynolds asked if it would be ok if Curt was at the church while she was there. Pastor Terry said that it wasn't a problem.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Temple Talk. Traci Loonstra

- After the temple talk in April member asked to have more specific numbers and information in the minutes.
 - Council is going to put more detailed committee reports and information in the council minutes.

B. Chapel Planning.

- Rosemary Twesme sent pictures of a chapel that her daughter attends for our congregation to look at.
- Carol Dodge asked if the family was set on having a chapel? Pastor had talked to Donna and she suggested a chapel in memory of her parents but if the congregation had any other ideas she would entertain them. A few other ideas were brought up but the family decided on the chapel
 - Some members of the congregation were concerned that if we don't have money to pay bills how can we build a chapel? Pastor responded it was a gift from a family that wanted it to be in memory of their parents not for it to go to pay bills.
- *****Motion** was made by Eric Rogness and seconded by Denny Lindell that we accept the money from the Dahl family to be used for a chapel. **Motion carried.**
 - Donna is going to send a check for \$20,000 now and when the chapel is finished she will send the remaining balance. Council is going to keep the congregation update with the progress of the chapel.

C. 125th Anniversary. Traci Loonstra

- Members of the committee: Lori and Leah Reynolds, Kathy Sieg, Rosemary Twesme, Maggie Luallen, Betty Ward.

- Pastor Terry Lorenz asked that committee members set a dollar amount to spend on the anniversary.

D. Bold Generosity. Traci Loonstra

- Pastor Hoyme sent a letter asking for a commitment to Bold Generosity.
 - *****Motion** was made by Eric Rogness and seconded by Denny Lindell to go to the Endowment for a 3 years \$5000/year commitment to Bold Generosity. **Motion Carried.**

E. Osseo Cemetery Service

- Pastor asked that instead of doing a service at the cemetery we put something in the newsletter so people are aware of making donation to support maintenance at the cemetery.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration of 1 vs 2 Sunday Services was tabled for now.

B. Comprehensive Ministry Review

- Traci suggested council review the Holy Cow Survey and CMR
- Traci is going to put together a letter to put in the newsletter and email form to keep our members informed on the direction of the Youth and Family moving forward.
- Traci recommended we meet again Thursday, May 31st at 6pm to move forward.

IX. *Motion** made to adjourn without any objection was made my Bella Nicolai. **Motion carried.**