

Osseo Evangelical Lutheran Church Council

Wednesday, September 9, 2020

7:00 PM

I. The REGULAR MEETING OF THE OELC COUNCIL WAS CALLED TO ORDER by President Eric Rogness at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, September 9, 2020.

Members present: Dennis Barka, Rose Bohlinger, Tony Bohlinger, Linda Heiman, Denny Lindell, Maggie Luallen, Sheila Nelson and Emily Wilkinson.

Members absent: Brent McCune, Patty Hoffman, Frans Carlstrom

Church staff present: Pastor Terry Lorenz, Molly Vold

II. DEVOTIONS were led by Denny Lindell

III. SECRETARY'S REPORT

A. August 12, 2020 Meeting Minutes

****Motion** was made by Maggie and seconded by Linda to approve the August 12, 2020 council minutes. **Motion carried**

B. August 20, 2020 E-Mail Meeting Minutes

****Motion** was made by Linda and seconded by Sheila to approve the August 20, 2020 council minutes. **Motion carried**

IV. STAFF REPORTS

A. Administrator's Report: Molly Vold

- Molly presented the monthly review of the bills paid and financial reports.

****Motion** was made by Maggie and seconded by Tony to approve the financial report.
Motion carried

B. Pastor's Report:

- **Mask Policy at OELC**

We've had a couple inquiries regarding OELC's mask policy. We currently do not have one in place as we have no legal ability to enforce it. Sheriff of Trempealeau County has publicly stated the governor's mandate will not be enforced in this county. Is there any interest in

drafting a policy or should we continue to encourage folks to mask and distance on a voluntary basis?

- **Thank you from Carrie Ness**

Carrie has been given notice that she must vacate parsonage #2 by October 1, 2020 due to the council's decision to make some improvements and then list the parsonage as being for sale. Carrie expressed her gratitude for being able to live there as long as she did.

- **Update on backlighting of stained-glass window**

Dustin Hoffman is working on finding the right type of light. We have tried three different kinds of lights that have been mounted at the bottom of the window on top of the soffit. It has become apparent that we will need to add two smaller lights on the ceiling that will help light the upper part of the window. The Oftedahl Family is willing to fund this project in memory of their parents.

****Motion** was made by Tony and seconded by Denny L. to approve the backlighting of the stained-glass window and thank the Oftedahl family for their generous donation.

Motion carried

- **Ruby's Pantry May Be Looking For A New Winter Home**

Would there be any objections to offering our church if it was needed?

- **Banners for Flagship Contemporary Services**

The worship team would like to have two 3'x5' banners made promoting their two services a month. Would anyone be opposed to the Flagship Band posting two banners out along Hwy. 53? We have done it for the Wednesday evening service in the past.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS/MINISTRY UPDATES

A. Harvest Dinner-Linda and Sheila

- Menu is set, \$10 per meal, NO special orders, drive up only.

B. Church Properties & Management-Tony

- Roofs are done on both parsonages, contract signed for flat roof repairs, contract signed for thermostat project.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Drive-thru Communion Service-Pastor Terry

- Approximately 25 people attended, went well. Will plan to continue the last Sunday of the month as long as the weather permits.

B. Security/Video System & Organ Restore-Denny L.

- Video System up and running

- Organ restoration slower than anticipated, repair man has had family death and sickness.
- Chimes for organ would cost \$2,000 to restore, money available in Organ Restore account.

****Motion** was made by Dennis Barka and seconded by Maggie to allocate \$2,000 from Organ Restoration Fund to restore chimes. **Motion carried**

C. Cares Act/PPP Funds

- Waiting for more clarification from bank regarding loan forgiveness.

D. Associate Pastor Update-Eric

- Potential candidate available was not a good fit for our church.

E. Fall Bazaar-Maggie

- Tickets have been mailed out, extra available in office.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Dennis Barka has some information regarding Evangelism and beginning outreach to the congregation by social media, Vern Larson is willing to share his thoughts also.

B. Lions Club would like to use the kitchen for their Free Thanksgiving Dinner, have always had it at church in the past. It will be drive-thru this year. Council approves.

VIII. DEVOTIONS AND TREATS NEXT TIME: Patty

IX. ADJOURNMENT WITH LORD'S PRAYER

****Motion** was made to adjourn without any objection by Rose at 8:12 PM. **Motion carried.**

Next regular council meeting: October 14, 2020 at 7:00 PM