

Council Meeting Minutes from June 19, 2017

ATTENDEES: Pastor Mark, Marj Simpson, Ben Volding, Marilu Degener, Chris McCulley, and Lori Gutknecht.

A. OPENING:

1. Ben called the meeting to order at 7:06pm
2. Pastor opened the meeting by prayer.
3. The agenda was reviewed and finalized. Lori made a motion to approve the agenda. Pastor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Recording Secretary (Marj): Marj presented minutes from 5/22/17 meeting.
2. Financial Reports (Chris): Chris presented financials through 5/31/17.
3. **Description 5/1/17:** \$14976.16
General
Building Fund 9266.00
Total Expenses 10366.07

Totals as of 5/31/17: **\$9266.00** **\$10366.07** **\$13876.09**
4. Worship & Parish Life Committee (Marilu): nothing to report
5. Education Committee (Ben): VBS will be July 9-11 from 5:30-8:00pm. Youth will perform VBS songs at Sunday Worship on July 16th. Goal for confirmation this year is to keep them all in one group. Possibly go to a "points system" to meet requirements for Confirmation. Students must attend classes, worship, Sunday School, take sermon notes, and attend other functions and know and understand the curriculum to be eligible to be confirmed. This is to try to keep youth together as a group and make sure they are getting the most out of the Confirmation experience. Still looking for volunteers to lead the classes on Sunday. Molly Volding will continue as Sunday School teacher for the younger youth. Cindy Appleton has proposed to work the Jr.High/High School youth to keep their education going through the next few years and possibly try to alternate/combine this with the music Ministry Sherrie is doing. Dresden Wulf & Phil Laube have volunteered to fill in the absence to Sunday School teachers with given notice.
6. Missions Committee (Lori): nothing to report
7. Finance Committee (Chris): nothing to report
8. Pastor's Report: Pastor gave an attendance update – Attendance average for last two weeks in May was 53. Avg for the first 3 weeks in June was 47. Pastoral visits/calls were 4 with no communion served during visits. VBS Theme is "How Important Faith is" Going to try Summer Bible Study again this summer starting the end of July – August. Everyone is welcome. Pictorial Directory should be done soon at least a rough draft. Confirmation update is above with Education and Nov. 4th.
9. Building & Grounds Committee (Elwin) - Elwin was gone. Nothing to report.
10. Marj made the motion to approve reports and Chris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

C. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Additional video screen/status of wall repairs and solutions to window blockage – Elwin has spackling done.
2. Building/Grounds update – Weed pulling/cleanup Wednesday night to prepare for Dayne Watson Wedding.
2. Sink Hole Status - good – looking much better.
3. Bell Greasing/Steeple Repairs – Assessment on hold until after spring farm work is done. Since farm work is done Ben will ask Harlan & Ed to take a look at it with him. Also Ben & Rodney will grease the bell and change light bulb up there.
4. Elevator Inspection – This is all good now. Annual test has to be done every year and is \$475. Load test is every 5 years. Last done in 2013 so we are good until 2018.
5. Church Directory Status - Should have rough draft any time.
6. Basement refrigerator – looking to replace the one that was taken out.
7. Mid-Year Budget Review – Will be reviewing budget at July council meeting just to see how we are sitting on everything.

D. NEW BUSINESS:

- 1 Thoughts for upcoming work projects in 2017 (tiling, steeple, cemetery bench with youth, couple more stain glass windows are leaking in SW corner. Need to look at them.
2. Signage for Sandwich/Soup Supper – Elwin was gone but will have him check on how that is coming. Still need to nail down date for the supper as well.
3. If anyone from Congregation wants key to church please let Pastor or Chris McCulley know.

E. NEXT MEETING DATE:

1. **Monday, July 17th at 6:45.**

F. ADJOURNMENT:

1. Marilu made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Marj seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. The meeting was adjourned at 8:11pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marj Simpson, Recording Secretary