

Minutes of the November 14, 2017 Church Council Meeting

Present: Cathy Hipke, Ronda Pedersen, Gary Gustafson, Dave Anderson, Debbie Lemery, Mike Bellisle, Debbie Villas, Randy Demeuse, Kathy Bero, Kyle Anderson, Pastor Mark Laatsch

Excused: Adam Starzynski, Darrell Eland, Jim Zobel

Present to Report: Patti Treptow, Judy Raygo

President Debbie Villas called the meeting to order.

President Debbie Villas called for a review and approval of the agenda. Patti Treptow asked to add discussion to clarify the difference between the Youth Committee and Youth Council on the agenda to new business. Randy Demeuse made a motion to accept the agenda as amended, Kathy Bero seconded; motion passed.

Devotions/Study of the Word: Pastor Mark led devotions about Thanksgiving and being thankful.

President Debbie Villas called for a review and approval of the October 10, 2017 meeting minutes. Randy Demeuse made a motion to approve the minutes, Dave Anderson seconded; motion passed. Secretary Cathy Hipke reported that Calyn Miller (Buelteman) has requested a transfer to her new Church in Kingsford and John and Linda Mentch have requested their membership be transferred to their new Church in Kiel. Ronda Pedersen made a motion to approve the transfers as requested, Debbie Lemery seconded; motion passed.

ACTION ITEMS

Old Business

Narthex Painting: Pastor Mark and the Decorating Committee met with Klema to look at color samples. The committee has chosen colors and will provide samples for the Council to approve at the December meeting. Klema planned on painting in December but Mike Bellisle will talk with him about pushing off until January because of the seasonal decorations at the Church and the number of activities that will be happening in December.

New Business

Clarification of Youth Committees: Patti asked to change the naming convention on the agenda to separate and clarify the different youth leadership groups. The Youth Advisory Council which is made up of youth members will be listed first under the heading "Reports". The Youth Committee which is made up of adult members will report under the heading "Committee Reports."

REPORTS

Youth Advisory Council: Kyle Anderson reported that the EYAC had a great kick off gathering with eleven youth attending. The group continued their volunteer activities at Abundant Life with reading and craft projects for the youth in residence. EYAC served cake for the confirmation reception and also raked leaves for some elderly members. The group will have a lock in during December and will be doing some baking at that time for the bake sale to raise funds for the food baskets. They are planning a Bingo party at the Luther Home in January as well.

Youth and Family Ministry Director's Report: Patti reviewed her written report and also highlighted that the Youth Committee will host a Drop and Shop on December 2 at the Church so parents can drop off their children for fun activities while they do their Christmas shopping. Patti also discussed the possibility of decorating a holiday tree on Stephenson Island.

Presidents Report: President Debbie Villas welcomed Mike Bellisle as the new Vice President. She also reminded the council of the many opportunities for service at the Christmas season. Debbie also asked the council members to start thinking about their willingness to serve as an officer of the council for 2018 as officers will be elected at the January meeting. Debbie is eligible to serve as President for another year if she would wish to but the Vice President and Secretary positions will have to be filled. Kathy Bero asked about the possibility of updating the look of the Church website. Patti will look into what is available to us and the costs.

Treasurer's Report/Finance Committee Report: Gary Gustafson reviewed in general the monthly finances. Gary noted that in the general fund expenditures there is a listing for the \$2800 to Ed's Concrete for the front steps and that will come out of the maintenance fund, not the general fund. A motion to pay the bills was made by Mike Bellisle, seconded by Kathy Bero; motion passed.

Committee Reports

Fellowship: The committee met and discussed the possibility of a fellowship event around the decorating of the Christmas trees at the Church. Pastor Mark will talk with the Worship Committee to coordinate a time when this event could be held. The committee will also decorate for the pie social on Thanksgiving Eve. The committee will meet in December to plan for the annual meeting lunch.

Human Resource: Gary Gustafson reported that the committee met and discussed the open Director of Programs and Operations position. The committee proposed that the publicity duties of this position be added to the position of the Director of Youth and Family Ministry as Patti Treptow has already been doing this work and recommended that Patti's position be transitioned to full time starting January 1, 2018. A motion was made by Mike Bellisle to accept this proposal and recommendation as presented, seconded by Dave Anderson; motion passed.

Memorial: Pastor Mark reported that Denise Rouleau and Dennis and Rosemary Draska have purchased a Lent themed banner for the Church.

Property: Mike Bellisle reported that work on getting the reader board for the front of the Church is in progress. Scott Nerat continues to gather information and it will be a 2018 project based on cost. Mike Bellisle also reported that the railings he is having made for the front steps are almost complete. Construction Services has been contracted for snow plowing and shoveling for this winter.

Outreach: Patti Treptow reported that the trunk and treat was cold but much fun for everyone. The committee has received names for 38 ornaments for the tree of love from the Rainbow House, Haven of Hope and the Abundant Life shelter.

Stewardship: Kathy Bero reported that the stewardship campaign has yielded 101 pledges so far for a total of \$131,652.

Worship: Nothing to report.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Mark presented his written report and noted that there will not be morning services on December 24 because there will be Christmas Eve services that evening. He will see if Pastor Dave from Abundant Life Mission is available to speak to the council at the December council meeting.

President Debbie Villas closed the meeting on a motion by Mike Bellisle seconded by Kathy Bero; motion passed. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted
Cathy Hipke, Council Secretary