

Minutes of the March 13, 2018 Church Council Meeting

Present: Pastor Mark Laatsch, Debbie Villas, Kathy Bero, Ronda Pedersen, Mike Bellisle, Dave Anderson, Stacy Hansen, Boni Nerat-Heckel, Anna Magrane, Adam Starzynski, Jim Zobel, Darrell Eland

Excused: Cathy Hipke, Matt Vanni

Present to Report: Patti Treptow

President Debbie Villas called the meeting to order.

President Debbie Villas called for a review and approval of the agenda. Dave Anderson made a motion to approve the agenda, Boni Nerat-Heckel seconded; motion passed.

Devotions/Study of the Word: Pastor Mark led devotions with a reading titled, A Taste of Life.

President Debbie Villas called for a review and approval of the February 13, 2018 meeting minutes. Dave Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes with corrections, Stacy Hansen seconded; motion passed.

ACTION ITEMS

Old Business

New Business

Inactive membership letter: Pastor shared a draft of the letter, seeking input or discussion. Suggestions were made for it to be more welcoming. Darrell Eland made a motion to accept the letter with revisions, Kathy Bero seconded; motion passed.

Clergy Spouse Retreat: Jim Zobel made a motion to approve Amy Laatsch's attendance at the retreat at the cost of \$365, Stacy Hansen seconded; motion passed.

Personnel Committee reformation: Pastor shared the history of this committee and proposed the need for this work to provide consistency in structures and administration of committee work. Kathy Bero made a motion for Jim Zobel to form a committee and lead this effort, Boni Nerat-Heckel seconded; motion passed.

REPORTS

Youth Advisory Council Report: Anna Magrane reviewed the written report.

Youth and Family Ministry Director's Report: Patti Treptow reviewed the written report.

Presidents Report: President Debbie Villas reported that she, Kathy Bero and Pastor attended the Northland Response to Members meeting. She gave praise to the midweek Lenten services and reminded Council members of upcoming Holy week services. Debbie stated that a major focus for her will be on goal setting and a commitment to completing those goals.

Treasurer's Report/Finance Committee Report: Dave Anderson reviewed in general the monthly finances. A motion to pay the bills was made by Kathy Bero, seconded by Adam Starzynski; motion passed.

Committee Reports

Fellowship: Ronda Pedersen reported on upcoming events. Events being explored include: family bowling (help at youth event), Spring art show, and a potluck at the May WOW service. (Revised later in the meeting to the April service per Pastor's request) Darrell Eland made a motion to approve the Art Show for Sunday, April 22, Kathy Bero seconded; motion passed.

Human Resource: Jim explained to new members the scope and purpose of the Human Resource committee. He reminded the need for confidentiality.

Memorial: Pastor reported that they will be gathering data with an interest to donate to reader board.

Outreach: Easter baskets will be assembled and delivered to shut-in members.

Property/Decorating: Mike Bellisle shared pictures and updates on entrance mats and the reader board. They hope to get quotes and set monetary goals soon for the reader board. He expressed some disappointment in painting of sanctuary. Pastor mentioned carpet company being at church. This led to discussion on procedures and direction of council in advising committee work. Jim Zobel made a motion to authorize Property/Decorating Committee to get quotes and explore options for flooring in fellowship room, fence, and stump, Dave Anderson seconded; motion passed. Debbie Villas questioned the procedure for salting for early Sundays. Some congregation members have raised concerns. Who is responsible? All agreed that a remedy will need to be addressed.

Stewardship: Kathy Bero reported that they will be monitoring contributions and will adjust the beginning of stewardship campaign if needed.

Worship: Debbie Villas reported that the worship committee met. They will be preparing for Easter and the Easter lilies, and for stripping of the altar on Maundy Thursday.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Mark presented his written report. In his report he proposed to council a policy that would increase the amount of monetary support given to any member wishing to attend Fortune Lake Camp. Mike Bellisle made the motion for church to pay ½ of the camp costs for any member wishing to attend Fortune Lake Camp, Dave Anderson seconded; motion passed.

There was also discussion and a proposal to change the April Council meeting to April 11 due to a community event.

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

Respectfully Submitted
Ronda Pedersen, Council Secretary