

Minutes of the April 11, 2018 Church Council Meeting

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

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. Kathy Bero made a motion to approve the agenda, Darrell Eland seconded; motion passed.
Devotions/Study of the Word: Pastor Mark led devotions with an excerpt reading Believing in God.

President Debbie Villas called for a review and approval of the March 13, 2018 meeting minutes. Dave Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes, Cathy Hipke seconded; motion passed.

ACTION ITEMS

Old Business

Update on Inactive letter: Pastor shared a list of names for consideration to receive the letter. Pastor requested Council to browse the list and notify him if noticed any errors.

New Business

REPORTS

Youth Advisory Council Report: Patti reviewed the report..

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

Presidents Report: President Debbie Villas gave praise to the wonderful Holy Week services. She reported that Pastor Ehle expressed gratitude for the collaboration of Emmanuel and Bethel. Debbie shared an article about our Outreach Mission. She reminded Council about the April 25 Healthy Congregation Workshop in Escanaba and the opportunity to carpool to the event.

Treasurer's Report/Finance Committee Report: Dave Anderson reviewed in general the monthly finances. He noted there is a deficit now, but it is where it was projected. A motion to pay the bills was made by Kathy Bero, seconded by Mike Bellisle; motion passed. Dave further reported that he will be looking into other programs to simplify monthly reports.

Committee Reports

Fellowship: Ronda Pedersen reported on upcoming events. The decision was made to cancel the Spring art show due to minimal interest. There will be a potluck at the May WOW service.

Human Resource: Nothing to report

Memorial: Nothing to report

Outreach: 16 Easter baskets were assembled and delivered to shut-in members.

Property/Decorating: Darrell reported updates: Scott Nerat will be checking into salting. This will need to be done this weekend. Snow plowing costs doubled from last year. This committee will be checking into alternatives for next year. The old freezer will be removed. They are continuing to gather information on a reader board. The window in the nursery was repaired. Runners will be purchased.

Policy and Procedures: Jim Zobel reported on the bylaw to establish policy and procedures to review committees. Darrell Eland made a motion to accept, Boni Nerat-Heckel seconded; motion passed.

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