

Minutes of the May 8, 2018 Church Council Meeting

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

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. Jim Zobel made a motion to approve the agenda, Cathy Hipke seconded; motion passed.

Devotions/Study of the Word: Pastor Mark led devotions with a reading, Freedom and Vocation.

President Debbie Villas called for a review and approval of the April 11, 2018 meeting minutes. Need for revision of members present to include Cathy Hipke was noted. Darrell Eland made a motion to approve the minutes with revision, Jim Zobel seconded; motion passed.

ACTION ITEMS

Old Business

Update on Inactive letter: Pastor led discussion on revision of the letter and shared feedback he has received. The letter will be revised, mailed and a date will be set to update the congregational rolls.

New Business

REPORTS

Youth Advisory Council Report: Anna Magrane reviewed the report.

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

Presidents Report: President Debbie Villas reported about her and Kathy Bero's attendance at April 25 Healthy Congregation Workshop in Escanaba. She revisited the past call process, thanking the Council for their commitment. Encouraged to keep focus on the important work.

Treasurer's Report/Finance Committee Report: Council reviewed in general the monthly finances, in Dave Anderson's absence. Jim Zobel had a question regarding the minimum bank (check) balance. Will recommend addressing at Finance Committee meeting. A motion to pay the bills was made by Jim Zobel, seconded by Mike Bellisle; motion passed.

Committee Reports

Fellowship: Ronda Pedersen reported on upcoming events. There will be another potluck at the May WOW service. June meeting will start organizing and preparing for Rally Day picnic on September 9.

Human Resource: Did not meet. Jim Zobel reported that Gary Gustafson agreed to remain on the committee. A motion was made for Gary to remain on this committee by Kathy Bero, seconded by Darrell Eland; motion passed.

Memorial: Nothing to report

Outreach: Gifts will be given to mothers on Mother's Day. Randy Demeuse will be bringing flowers from his garden for moms, too.

Property/Decorating: Darrell Eland reported about the yard clean up on May 19, 8:00 a.m. 2-3 hours of work to do; bring rakes and gloves. It was reported that the back fence will be repaired. They will check into needing a permit for this work. Other projects in process or being explored: stump grinding, reader board options, flooring options, remodeling women's bathroom upstairs, and removal of an old tree.

Policy and Procedures: Jim Zobel reported they are working on organization of this committee and researching to help determine direction. Plan to begin with review of Stewardship.

Stewardship: Will be putting stewardship summer reminder in May bulletins and June Messenger.. Will meet in June to determine themes.

Worship: Nothing to report

Other: Darrell and Jim reported that the Tax Aid program was a success! Asked for recommitment from Council for next year. A motion to continue this program at Emmanuel was made by Ronda Pedersen, seconded by Cathy Hipke; motion passed.

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

Respectfully Submitted
Ronda Pedersen, Council Secretary