

Minutes of the December 11, 2018 Church Council Meeting

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

Excused: Darrell Eland, Matt Vanni, Stacy Hansen

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. Kathy Bero made a motion to approve the agenda, Mike Bellisle seconded; motion passed.

Devotions/Study of the Word: Pastor Mark led devotions, The Gesture from Max Lucado.

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

ACTION ITEMS

Old Business

New Business

Budget Approval: After discussion, it was recommended that the Finance Committee revise the budget to reflect a four hour decrease in the hours worked by Church Secretary, Judy Raygo, with Patti Treptow's hours to remain the same. Boni Nerat made the motion to approve this proposal, Kathy Bero seconded; motion passed.

Budget Announcement Policy Approval: Jim Zobel reported on the policy draft. Mike Bellisle made a motion to approve the policy, Adam Starzynski seconded; motion passed.

Bulletin Sponsorship: No action at this time. Mike Bellisle will present more on this next month.

Bring a Friend to Church: Potential February date; no further action at this time.

Date change for January 2019 meeting: Due to the holiday being the first Tuesday of the month, it was decided to hold the January Church Council meeting on January 15, 2019.

Treasurer's Report/Finance Committee Approval: A motion to pay the bills was made by Cathy Hipke, seconded by Jim Zobel; motion passed.

Other:

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 on the wonderful joint Thanksgiving and Advent services at Bethel. Reminded all that there are many upcoming opportunities for outreach, worship and support. She gave January 27 as the date for the annual congregational

meeting with a reminder of officer elections. Debbie gave thanks and celebration of the past while looking forward to a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Treasurer's Report/Finance Committee Report: See above

Committee Reports:

Fellowship: Fellowship Committee will be hosting a Paint and Potluck on February 10 following the 10:00 service. For \$35, participants will have the opportunity to paint a 14x20 canvas. Childcare will be provided. On December 2, Fellowship provided pizza and soda for the "Hanging of the Greens" event. This was a wonderful fellowship opportunity. Committee started to plan for the January Annual meeting.

Human Resource: Did not meet.

Memorial: New communion sets in memory of Carole Klumb were received. New banners were also purchased.

Outreach: The committee reported that 52 individuals were served in Christmas contributions-gifts, food, etc. They collected \$503 from the bake sale and participated in bell ringing with Bethel members.

Property/Decorating: Mike Bellisle reported that a 12 foot ladder will be purchased. They will also be buying a 12x20 storage shed to store the lawn mower, etc. The stove needs repair. He requested that Darrell Eland be contacted when there is a property need so that the committee is aware of issues.

Policy and Procedures: Jim Zobel reported that they are continuing work on audit description and finance description. Jim reported earlier regarding the budget announcement policy.

Stewardship: It was reported that the current campaign received 123 pledges for \$159,682. This is an increase from last year.

Endowment: Nothing to report

Worship: Thanked Fellowship committee and congregation for assistance with Hanging of the Greens event.

Other:

Pastor's Report: as written with attention to January 11 deadline for committee reports

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

Respectfully Submitted

Ronda Pedersen, Council Secretary