

Minutes of the January 15, 2019 Church Council Meeting

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

Excused: Darrell Eland

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, Dave Anderson seconded; motion passed.

Devotions/Study of the Word: Pastor Mark led devotions, 1 Corinthians 12-31; Walking on Water

President Debbie Villas called for a review and approval of the December 11, 2018 meeting minutes. Dave Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes, Boni Heckel seconded; motion passed.

ACTION ITEMS

Old Business

Bring a Friend to Church: Potential date February 10; Outreach will coordinate.

New Business

Election of Officers: Jim Zobel made nomination to retain current officers for 2019, Dave Anderson seconded; nominations confirmed.

Nominating Committee Report: Cathy Hipke made a motion to approve the candidates recommended by the Nominating Committee to be presented to the congregation at the Annual Meeting, Matt Vanni seconded; motion passed.

Executive Council Special Meeting Minutes: Executive Council met to discuss & approve Finance Committee request to simplify flower purchases by transferring savings account funds to a checking account. Jim Zobel made a motion to ask finance committee to create a policy and procedure for this account, Mike Bellisle seconded; motion passed.

Edited Budget Approval: Jim Zobel made the motion to approve the revised budget proposal, Cathy Hipke seconded; motion passed.

Proposed temporary budget freeze: After much discussion, Jim Zobel made a motion to accept the proposed temporary budget freeze, Kathy Bero seconded; motion passed, but was not unanimous.

Bulletin Sponsorship: Mike Bellisle presented information regarding the potential for bulletin sponsorship. Council approved exploring this idea. Pastor also plans to reach out to congregation to determine interest in promotion of their small businesses.

Property Committee Proposal: No action at this time.

Facebook Live: Discussion regarding potential ZOOM on camera or to record 10:00 service.

Treasurer's Report/Finance Committee Approval: A motion to pay the bills was made by Cathy Hipke, seconded by Stacy Hansen; 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 presented her report with hopes that everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. She expressed thanks to all for help with Christmas preparations. She shared gratitude for Pastor and other church personnel for the wonderful Advent and Christmas season. Debbie shared good-byes and thanks for service to the outgoing Council members-Cathy, Adam and Anna. She reminded us that she is looking forward to the Annual Congregational Meeting on January 27.

Committee Reports

Fellowship: Fellowship Committee met to prepare for Annual meeting luncheon. They also will be hosting a Paint and Potluck on February 10 following the 10:00 service. Sign-ups will be between and following services until February 3.

Human Resource: Did not meet. Jim Zobel will be contacting Randy Demeuse regarding staying on this committee.

Memorial: Met and welcomed two new members.

Outreach: The committee reported that their next event will be the Souper Bowl of Caring with donations going to local food bank.

Property/Decorating: Mike Bellisle reported earlier in the meeting. There will be a contact/emergency chain of command created to help with communication.

Policy and Procedures: Jim Zobel reported that they are continuing work on policies. They will not present until they have a draft prepared.

Stewardship: It was reported that the current campaign's final numbers are being updated.

Endowment: Nothing to report

Worship: Pastor thanked volunteers for assistance with Christmas.

Other:

Pastor's Report: presented as written

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

Respectfully Submitted

Ronda Pedersen, Council Secretary