

Minutes of the February 12, 2019 Church Council Meeting

Present: Pastor Mark Laatsch, Debbie Villas, Kathy Bero (arrived 7:30), Ronda Pedersen, Dave Anderson, Jim Zobel, Matt Vanni, Stacy Hansen, Terrie Porras, Bill Taccolini, Rhyon Anderson

Excused: Darrell Eland, Mike Bellisle, Boni Heckel

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. Dave Anderson made a motion to approve the agenda, Stacy Hansen seconded; motion passed.

Devotions/Study of the Word: Pastor Mark led devotions, Book of Romans 12: 1-8; Living Sacrifices

President Debbie Villas called for a review and approval of the January 15, 2019 meeting minutes. Stacy Hansen made a motion to approve the minutes, Dave Anderson seconded; motion passed.

Pastor Laatsch started the meeting with an orientation for new members. This included introduction of new members and a review of Church Council responsibilities, standing committees and committee descriptions.

ACTION ITEMS

Old Business

Bulletin Sponsorship update: Mike Bellisle will lead the efforts for this work, but would like additional help to contact local businesses.

Other:

New Business

Audit Committee Description of Duties and Guidelines Policy Approval: Jim Zobel reviewed revisions and clarifications of the audit committee description that was previously emailed to Council members. Ronda Pedersen made a motion to approve the policy, Terrie Porras seconded; motion passed.

Treasurer's Report/Finance Committee Approval: Dave Anderson reported that next month will begin the transition to Shepherd's Staff. Financial reports will look different. There was Council discussion regarding reporting financials to congregation. A motion to pay the bills was made by Ronda Pedersen, seconded by Bill Taccolini; motion passed.

Other:

REPORTS

Youth Advisory Council Report: Rhyon Anderson 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 a welcome and thank you to the new members. She reported the Annual meeting was a success with 90 members

present. She expressed thanks to all for help with the lunch and other preparations needed for the meeting. Debbie stated she is looking forward to a productive 2019. Her goals include re-engaging non-active members and an increased community presence. She reminded everyone of the upcoming worship opportunities with Ash Wednesday and Lenten services. She also thanked Council for their commitment to Emmanuel.

Committee Reports:

Fellowship: Ronda Pedersen reported that Fellowship Committee hosted a "Paint and Potluck" event on February 10. They received positive feedback and will consider hosting a similar event in the future. Other events the committee will discuss in March include U.P. Hospice and Healthcare presentation, spring art show, Festival of lights and potential shared events with youth.

Human Resource: The committee did not meet, but Jim Zobel gave overview of the committee's responsibilities for new members. He asked permission from Council to convene to update structure of Human Resource committee and policies. This was approved.

Memorial: Pastor gratefully reported a gift received from the Klitzke family. All five communion pieces now match.

Outreach: The committee reported thanked all for contributions to their recent events. They hosted a coffee hour and will begin preparations for Easter baskets for shut-ins.

Property/Decorating: The committee did not meet this month. They will be working on a priority list of projects. It was reported that there has been an ice build up and leaking in front hall. Pastor further reported about salt packets for roof, anonymous donation for replacement of water bubbler and removal of snow banks by Jordan Barley.

Policy and Procedures: Jim Zobel reported that they are continuing work on policies. They will begin work on Finance committee which they anticipate will be a longer process.

Stewardship: Nothing to report

Endowment: Nothing to report

Worship: Committee will begin preparations for Easter.

Other:

Pastor's Report: presented as written

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

Respectfully Submitted
Ronda Pedersen, Council Secretary