

Minutes of the October 12, 2021 Congregation Council Meeting

Present: Pastor Mark Laatsch, Ronda Pedersen, Matt Vanni, Terrie Porras, Jeff Hines, Jim Briar, Stacy Hansen, Betty Kohrt, James Porras. Absent: Bill Taccolini, Jeremy Sallgren, Linda Davis, Boni Nerat-Heckel, Laura Magrane. Present to Report: Debbie Villas, Patti Treptow

President Ronda Pedersen called meeting to order at 6:08pm. Ronda called for a review and approval of the agenda. Stacy motioned to approve agenda, Bill T. seconded, motion carried.

Opening Devotion: Pastor Mark's devotion was from the ELCA Magazine "Living Lutheran" and Matthew 13:24.

Secretary's Report: Terrie presented August 10th meeting minutes. Betty motioned to accept minutes, seconded by Matt, motion carried.

Treasurer's & Finance Committee Report: Debbie reviewed financial reports. 3rd Quarter Financial Statements have been mailed. Debbie reported Dr. William and Marilyn Swanson's Estate bequeathed a monetary gift to the church. Finance Committee will update as to its status.

ACTION ITEMS – where we've been. Old Business

Coffee Fellowship – Ronda reported the Fellowship Committee will host the kick-off this Sunday, 10/17 at 9am. John Will's will provide music. Deb will make volunteer sign-up sheets for Narthex. Need to recruit members to host future coffee fellowships. Ronda and Terrie will host 10/24. Council recommended supply costs be paid through Fellowship budget. James to report on wholesale priced coffee thru Cousins Subs.

REPORTS – where we are.

Youth Advisory Council: Patti reported GLOW Youth members will meet 11/20.

Youth & Family Ministry Director's Report: Patti presented her report as written.

President's Report: See Coffee Fellowship.

Youth: Stacy reported they met Sunday. Will be at Trunk or Treat Sun. 10/31, 4p-6p. Planning mid-Nov. craft event for Elderly Services. Have a call into the Senior Center. Next meeting 11/14 @ 11am.

Learning: Patti reported they met 9/26. Reviewed programs.

Endowment: Pastor – email out to set next meeting date/time.

Fellowship: Ronda reported they met and finalized plans for coffee fellowship, to be called "Holy Grounds Coffee Hour". Rally Day went well; good turn-out. Worked on budget, submitted draft to Debbie. Update on God's Work Our Hands: Talked with Luther Home Nursing and Activities Dept. Management. Will place a gift basket with card in each of four nursing stations. Currently there are 67 residents. She and Terrie are finishing up baskets and cards, will deliver them soon.

Human Resources (HR): Pastor reported they met 9/16. Nothing to report.

Memorial: Pastor reported they met last week. Nothing to report.

Outreach: Terrie reported they met 9/21. Will host a table at Trunk or Treat with church handouts, coffee for adults and candy for kids. Will ask congregation to donate candy if they can not participate. An article has been placed in the Messenger and the newspaper (community activities).

Policy & Procedure (P&P): Pastor reported they meet next week. No P&Ps to review at this time.

Property: Matt reported on various projects in process. Bid accepted for parking lot snow removal. Looking for sidewalk snow removal service. Front window (near roof line, ice damage area) being looked at by contractor to determine if can be repaired. Discussed options for repair of carpet on 15th street entry stairs. Discussed building new storage facility. Council recommended clean out current storage areas and dispose of items rarely used (rummage sale). Roll down kitchen window costs reported. Patti requested new basketball hoop location.

Stewardship: Jeff reported they met 9/27. Stewardship campaign kickoff letter has been mailed. Will hand out packets 10/24, commitment Sunday is 11/14.

Worship: Pastor reported they have not met.

Pastor's Report: Pastor reported he continues to watch the COVID-19 infection rate closely and will keep current precautions in place. He had some difficulties streaming the Sunday worship service. Moved Confirmation service to 1pm, Sun. 10/31, to support social distancing. Read the names of those who will be confirmed. Motion to approve the 14 confirmands made by Stacy, seconded by Matt, motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS – where we are going. NEW BUSINESS

Bulletin Sponsorship – Members paid for sponsorship starting 10/6/19 but stopped in March 2020 due to COVID-19 pandemic and in-person church services being stopped. Want to restart. Stacy will check her records with Mike Bellisle and Judy Raygo to determine number of months still owed sponsors and report back. Will notify sponsors and put mention in Messenger when ready to resume.

Change of date for November council meeting – Due to many members being unable to attend the next Nov. 9th meeting, the meeting will be changed to Thursday, Nov. 11th @ 6pm. Terrie will notify council members via email.

Thanksgiving Eve Service and Pie Social – Will not join with Bethel as in previous years due to COVID-19 uptick. Social will follow 6pm service. Will have a sign-up sheet for pies. Patti will check how we ran it in past years, she believes fellowship decorated and made coffee while youth help serve.

LONG TERM PROJECT/GOALS – See old business, Coffee Fellowship

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm on a **motion** by Betty, seconded by Matt, motion carried. Pastor Mark closed with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terrie Porras, Council Secretary