

Minutes of the August 8, 2017 Church Council Meeting

Present: Jackie Kolaszewski, Cathy Hipke, Ronda Pedersen, Adam Starzynski, Randy Demeuse, Gary Gustafson, Mike Bellisle, Darrell Eland, Debbie Villas, Kathy Bero, Jim Zobel, Pastor Mark Laatsch

Present to Report: Patti Treptow, Debbie Lemery, Kyle Anderson

President Jackie Kolaszewski called the meeting to order.

President Jackie Kolaszewski called for a review and approval of the agenda. Discussion on the AARP Tax Aid program was added as new business. Randy Demeuse made a motion to accept the agenda as amended, Darrell Eland seconded; motion passed.

Devotions/Study of the Word: Pastor Mark led devotions with a reading from Psalm 18 chapters 16-19.

President Jackie Kolaszewski called for a review and approval of the June 13, 2017 meeting minutes. Darrell Eland made a motion to approve the minutes, Jim Zobel seconded; motion passed. Pastor Mark reported that Diana Houston has requested to be removed from the rolls of membership of the Church. Deb Villas made a motion to remove Diana Houston from the rolls, Mike Bellisle seconded; motion passed.

ACTION ITEMS

Old Business

New Business

AARP Tax Aid Program: Jim Zobel reported that the state of Michigan wants to create a registered site for tax preparation in Menominee. There are no added requirements beyond what Emmanuel has been doing being a volunteer site for Tax Aid and the state will provide computer equipment and printers if Emmanuel is a registered site. Jim is going to meet with administrators of the program at Emmanuel to discuss the details. Mike Bellisle made a motion to approve Emmanuel becoming a registered Tax Aid site for the State of Michigan, Gary Gustafson seconded; motion passed.

Narthex Painting: The Property Committee will be working with Klema to coordinate the painting of the narthex. Klema is looking at an October timeline and will be required to provide the exact dates in advance so as not to disrupt

the normal activities of the Church. Mike Bellisle will contact the Decorating Committee for a color sample and the color needs to be presented to the Council at the September meeting before the work will be approved.

Tailgate Picnic: The tailgate party will be held on Sunday, October 1 from 11 to 1 in the side parking lot of the Church. Pastor Mark will check on the permit for the goal post sign and will coordinate the delivery of the picnic tables. Jackie and Cathy will order the food. Patti will take care of the publicity. Mike will provide the grill and work with Dennis Draska to get the grilling crew arranged. There will be a sign up sheet for desserts. We will set up after the 8 am service on that day.

REPORTS

Youth and Family Ministry Director's Report: Patti discussed her written report and offered many thanks to all who made the parade float a success.

Treasurer's Report: Gary Gustafson reviewed in general the monthly finances. A motion to pay the bills was made by Randy Demeuse, seconded by Mike Bellisle; motion passed. Gary has received back the committee budgets and will report back preliminary budget numbers next month. The Finance Committee offered a recommendation that the property of the Church be reviewed and updated before the end of the year for insurance purposes. The Property Committee will take care of this.

Committee Reports

Property: Mike Bellisle reported that the committee met the previous week. Scott Nerat is collecting information on reader board sizes and what would have to be altered on the existing sign to install a standard size board. Pastor Mark will talk to Avis Barofsky and her family to ask if it would be possible to incorporate a reader board into the sign she gifted to the Church. The front steps will be repaired in a September/October timeframe. Lee Parrish was hired as the outside maintenance person. Pastor Mark presented a resignation letter from Judy Seglund from her position as indoor custodian. Mike Bellisle made a motion to accept Judy's resignation, Kathy Bero seconded; motion passed. Pastor Mark will take care of a thank you gift for Judy's years of service. Pastor Mark will ask Lee Parrish if he would be interested in taking on the indoor custodian duties.

Memorial: Pastor Mark reported that fall themed banners have been purchased for the Church as a memorial in memory of her Father by Marilyn Mouritsen.

Fellowship: Ronda Pedersen reported that the committee is planning to meet soon for planning the Rally Day picnic. Save the date announcements will be

put in the messenger and bulletins and the Henes Park pavilion is booked. Mike Bellisle will provide the grill.

Stewardship: The Stewardship Committee is meeting this month to get started on the planning for this year's campaign.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Mark presented his written report. Pastor Mark also reported that Linda Davis is planning on starting a children's choir and raised discussion on compensation. Jim Zobel recommended added compensation based on action. After discussion the Council felt that \$50 per month should be added to her salary of \$200/month if there is an active children's choir. With Linda's plan of starting the children's choir mid September, compensation for September would be offered at \$225 and October and beyond will be \$250/month provided the children's choir remains active. Jim Zobel made a motion to accept this plan, Kathy Bero seconded; motion passed.

President Jackie Kolaszewski closed the meeting on a motion by Deb Villas seconded by Ronda Pedersen; motion passed. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted
Cathy Hipke, Council Secretary