

## Minutes of the February 13, 2018 Church Council Meeting

Present: Pastor Mark Laatsch, Debbie Villas, Kathy Bero, Ronda Pedersen, Mike Bellisle, Kathy Bero, Dave Anderson, Stacy Hanson, Boni Nerat-Heckel, Matt Vanni, Anna McGrane

Excused: Cathy Hipke, Adam Starzynski, Jim Zobel, Darrell Eland

Present to Report: Patti Treptow

President Debbie Villas called the meeting to order.

President Debbie Villas called for a review and approval of the agenda. Mike Bellisle made a motion to approve the agenda, Kathy Bero seconded; motion passed. Pastor mentioned that the agenda title was changed from "Plant the Seed" to "Nurture the Seed".

President Debbie Villas welcomed new Council members and led all members in introductions of themselves.

Devotions/Study of the Word: Pastor Mark led devotions with a reading from Psalm 139, *A Humble Seed*.

President Debbie Villas called for a review and approval of the January 9, 2018 meeting minutes. Dave Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes, Mike Bellisle seconded; motion passed.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **Old Business**

Narthex Painting: It was reported that Randy Klema has been ill and will start painting the narthex the end of the week on Thursday.

#### **New Business**

Sanctuary Painting: Worship Committee met and recommended white (similar to current color) for painting of the sanctuary. They are seeking Council approval.

Mike Bellisle read a prepared statement questioning the selection process and wanting Council to reconsider adding some color. Mike made a motion to look at other colors. There was no second.

Matt Vanni recommended that Council go look at the sanctuary prior to any voting.

Matt Vanni made a motion to paint the sanctuary white, Stacey Hansen seconded; motion passed.

Mike Bellisle made a motion on behalf of the Property and Decorating Committee to ask the Worship Committee to consider adding some color or accent in the sanctuary. Examples would be provided. Boni Nerat-Heckel seconded; motion passed.

## **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 welcomed and thanked new members. She also thanked Kathy Bero and Ronda Pedersen for serving on executive board. She reported a successful annual meeting with 96 members in attendance. She expressed that she is anxious and excited to begin a new year by continuing to be visible in the community. She mentioned the need to make efforts to reach inactive members and to review committees and responsibilities. Debbie reminded the Council that the Easter season begins with Lenten services being held at Bethel.

Treasurer's Report/Finance Committee Report: Dave Anderson reviewed in general the monthly finances. A motion to pay the bills was made by Mike Bellisle, seconded by Kathy Bero; motion passed.

### Committee Reports

Fellowship: Ronda Pedersen reported a successful annual meeting and luncheon. Thanked the youth and committee for their help. Some upcoming events being explored include: family bowling (help at youth event), Spring art show, and a potluck at the May WOW service.

Human Resource: Nothing to report.

Memorial: Nothing to report.

Outreach: Nothing to report.

Property/Decorating: Mike Bellisle reported that a new large refrigerator was purchased from Hank Refrigeration. The old refrigerator is available for the taking. The Reader board is still being pursued. Runners will be purchased to replace old ones. The committee reported that the snow plowing costs have risen this year. Any new company must be insured. The garbage disposal may need repair.

Stewardship: Kathy Bero asked new Council members to prayerfully consider joining the Stewardship committee.

Worship: Debbie Villas reported that the worship committee met and chose a paint color for the sanctuary. They will be preparing for Easter and the Easter lilies.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Mark presented his written report. He also distributed committee and Council member information for review and updating.

President Debbie Villas closed the meeting on a motion by Boni Nerat-Heckel, seconded by Kathy Bero; motion passed. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted  
Ronda Pedersen, Council Secretary