

# CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

August 11, 2019

Church Council: (X = Present): X Justin Arndt, X Larry Ballwahn, X Steve Brandau, X Dan Buchholz, X Marcus Buchholz, Rachel Conner, X Tim Deichler; Angie Gruen, X Bud Osteboe, X Pastor Cathleen Morris.

The meeting was called to order by President Buchholz at 8:05 am.

Opening Prayer: offered by Pastor Morris.

Operation Oversight: The July 7, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes were moved for approval by Tim Deichler; Second, Steve Brandau. MC. Pastor observed that we had met a responsibility highlighted in those minutes: On July 14, a joint church service was held with Peace Lutheran and Norwalk Methodist as the 2019 worship “that reflect [s]on caring for those who are hungry, and ... bring[s] an awareness of the work and ministry of ELCA World Hunger in 65 countries as well as the United States....”

A motion to approve the financial report and authorize bill payment was made by Justin Arndt and seconded by Marcus Buchholz. MC.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Cathleen and Justin Arndt discussed a project currently being undertaken in Malawi to provide wells. This was part of the Bible School Curriculum. Pastor asked that the Council decide on a donation amount. She also passed around a book titled, WAKING UP WHITE and said that it would likely become part of adult education soon. Also explained were three large monthly calendar sheets that were taped to the wall to provide a visual of coming events. If the method proves valuable, white board calendars will be purchased.

Bud Osteboe of the Social Ministry Committee reported that the recent Turtle Sundae activity was a success on many levels; volunteers were plentiful and donated supplies meant the only expense was the \$20 space rental. A total of \$631.81 was made. Motion by Larry Ballwahn to donate \$500 of the income to the Malawi project. Second Bud Osteboe. After some discussion, Bud moved to amend the motion as follows: \$100 to Sugar Creek and the remainder to St. Paul's Youth Fund; second, Justin Arndt. Motion as amended; Carried. Work is still being done on Committee structure. The next item of emphasis is every member visit.

For the Education Committee, Justin Arndt reported that their meeting had established that Sunday School would start the second Sunday in September, the same Sunday that 10:15 Worship starts. Confirmation begins Wednesday, September 4 and will sometimes meet on Sunday to accommodate conflicts. Restarting Luther League is being explored as efforts continue to involve youth in the Church. Adult Education was discussed.

Steve Brandau, Property, said there was water in the basement from last night's considerable rain. The water problem will be at least partially alleviated when Ledegar Roofing is able to repair the problem that has developed with the gutters. The alarm system has been repaired though Northern Electric's \$693.84 bill is still outstanding.

Old Business:

KONTEXT Architects of Sun Prairie met with the Church Step/Remodel Committee and will have a proposal to them soon. They join River Architects of La Crosse in presenting possibilities.

New Business:

A Congregational Hunger Leader has yet to come forth. The need is listed in the Bulletin. There is a September Synod meeting.

President Dan led a discussion regarding concern about the number of people in Church or not in Church. He has a research project in mind regarding that, which would include a survey and careful examination where our former confirmands are. Bud will discuss mission Fest with W-ELCA. God's work, our hands will be on next month's agenda.

Other Business: The next meeting will be September 8th at 8:30 am. The October meeting will be on the 6<sup>th</sup>.

Due to the time, the Lord's Prayer was deferred to the Church Service. Steve Brandau moved adjournment; second Justin Arndt. Carried by unanimous consent at 9:01 am.

Respectfully Submitted; Larry Ballwahn, Council Secretary