

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

October 6, 2019

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

President Buchholz handed out the agenda and his written resignation effective October 13 (on file in the office). After a brief discussion of the resignation, he left saying he would contact us individually to expand upon his reasons and thanking each of us for our efforts.

The meeting was called to order by President Elect (P.E.) Justin Arndt 8:45 am.

Opening Prayer: offered by P.E. Arndt.

Operation Oversight: The September 8, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes were moved for approval by Tim Deichler; Second, Steve Brandau. MC.

After considerable discussion, a motion to approve the financial report and authorize bill payment was made by Bud Osteboe and seconded by Tim Deichler. MC.

Steve Brandau, Property, said there was water in the basement again. He discussed the need for a sump pump in the hole by the water meter. Motion by Bud Osteboe second by Steve Brandau; a pump should be purchased and installed. Bud Osteboe suggested a phone chain for getting additional volunteer help.

Bud Osteboe, of the Social Ministry Committee, along with Justin Arndt, described a successful gathering of the Church Youth and their parents at Bud's house. ~~This despite the rain which washed out the planned cookout.~~ Feedback indicated that there was interest in some type of youth gathering every couple of months. The Every-Member-Conversation is still a work in process as the Committee has yet to find a meeting time that works for everyone. November is now the target for the actual activity.

Old Business:

River Architects of La Crosse submitted concept plans for dealing with the deteriorated front steps. At \$18,000 for architectural services, it was determined that the money could be better spent directly addressing the problems. The Committee will now look at how we can deal with the concerns locally. There are three areas of essential needs: the steps, handicapped accessibility and a bathroom that is handicapped accessible.

New Business:

The Church Constitution needs to be brought in line with actions taken by Churchwide. Tim Deichler moved, second Steve Brandau to appoint Arlis and Larry Ballwahn for this responsibility. MC.

Bud Osteboe will submit recommendations for Scholarship Program modification by the next meeting. There is still money coming into the Carol Osteboe Memorial Fund.

Other Business: The next meeting is still to be determined: time and date.

The meeting concluded with Lord's Prayer. Tim Deichler moved adjournment; second Steve Brandau. M.C. 9:45 am.

Respectfully Submitted; Larry Ballwahn, Council Secretary