

# CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 4, 2019

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

The meeting was called to order by President Buchholz at 7:00 pm.

Opening Prayer: offered by Pastor Morris

Operation Oversight: Bud Osteboe moved to approve the minutes of the February meeting. Second by Steve Brandau. MC

A motion to approve the financial report and pay the bills was made by Marcus Buchholz; seconded by Steve Brandau. Discussion: Clarification of the CD's, additional mileage & conference expense, clarification on some expense listings. MC

Pastor's Report: Information was given regarding pastoral role to this point. There will soon be a meeting with area pastors to discuss ecumenical possibilities. A prayer insert will become a monthly addition to the Bulletins. Thanks were offered to those who helped with the moving to and settling into the Parsonage: Dan Buchholz, Steve Brandau, Leonard Arndt, Greg & Nalani Bever. Adaptation of the Parsonage to the Pastor's needs is an ongoing process which is being coordinated by Steve Brandau.

Old Business:

## Committee Assignments

- Education Committee – Angie Gruen
- Financial Committee – Tim Deichler
- Property Committee – Steve Brandau
- Social Ministry Committee – Bud Osteboe
- Worship Committee – Rachel Connor

Council Meeting Times: After some discussion it was determined that the Council will meet either the second or third Sunday (adjust to Tim Deichler's schedule) of the month, at 9am until the change to a summer church schedule and then modified. Minutes and financials will be out at least by the Thursday before so questions can be asked & oversight can be handled promptly at the start of the meeting. Should the meeting need to be adjourned before the agenda is finished, it will be reconvened the following Wednesday evening.

As an aside, President Buchholz asked if there was any interest in starting church earlier year around and modifying Sunday School time in some way? With the smaller Sunday School numbers, he thought that might be a possibility. He was encouraged to pursue that with Sunday School parents and the congregation.

Parsonage "Revamp" Project: Pastor stated that she realized it needed to be done but she could live with the kitchen the way it was & was not anxious to deal with the remodel; especially since the money could no doubt be used better elsewhere until the work was done. It was then suggested that the \$15,000

authorized by the annual meeting should be put into a CD for use when the work was to be done.

### New Business:

#### Events/Recognition

-Installation on April 7<sup>th</sup> with reception to follow: Bishop Arends has confirmed that he will be here. Nalani is handling the reception refreshments.

-Recognition for Florence:

Bud is managing the details of this with Florence. Bud Osteboe moved that Florence be given a \$1,000 gift in recognition of her long service.

Steve Brandau seconded. MC

Holy Week Preparations: Bud clarified support for the prayer vigil.

St. Paul's Scholarship: Nalani reported that there was only one applicant.

Confirmation: Pastor Morris is working with parents to get Confirmation on track due to the scheduling problems that Pastor Brad has had to deal with.

Katie Gruen is the only student to be confirmed this year; May 19.

Bud suggested that all confirmed high school students be sent a personal invitation to attend. He will follow-up in his role on the Social Ministry Committee.

Janitor Position Discussion: A variety of options were discussed with no action taken. There seemed to be consensus that the vacancy be listed in the Bulletin.

-Mowing: to be jobbed out at least for this year with expectations made clear.

Church Step/Remodel Discussion: Motion by Bud Osteboe, second by Larry Ballwahn; Approve the Committee members named by President Buchholz to coordinate this effort: Dan Buchholz, Steve Brandau, Justin Arndt and Tim Deichler.

Other Business: The offering for Pastor's ordination at Central Lutheran Church in Winona was split between the two Churches. Consensus was to donate St Paul's share to the Hunger Task Force as Central Lutheran is doing.

Pastor Morris feels strongly that a professional pest management company be brought in to manage the bee problem that is apparent in the church: serious allergy problem that some children (people) have with stings, church liability unless the church has done all it can to address and bees are not the best greeters for guests. Steve Brandau will follow up. Steve also had some information on a required fire alarm system.

Following the Lord's Prayer, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent. Meeting adjourned at 9 pm..