

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

July 7, 2019

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

The meeting was called to order by President Buchholz at 8:00 am.

Opening Prayer: offered by Pastor Morris.

Operation Oversight: The June 5, 2019 Council Meeting Minutes were moved for approval by Tim Deichler; Second, Justin Arndt. MC.

Motion to approve the financial report and authorize bill payment was made by Bud Osteboe; second, Tim Deichler. MC.

Income has not kept up with the expenses for several months. In order that the congregation is made aware of this, the Council is asking that a financial summary be put in the Sunday Bulletin from time to time.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Cathleen reviewed two resolutions passed by the Synod Assembly with special emphasis on two aspects as follows:

RESOLVED that each congregation set aside at least one Sunday each year to reflect on caring for those who are hungry, and to bring an awareness of the work and ministry of ELCA World Hunger in 65 countries as well as the United States, and be it

RESOLVED that each congregation appoint at least one representative to serve as a Hunger Leader, and that the World Hunger Subcommittee provide appropriate resources and training to the congregations and Hunger Leaders,

The Church-wide Assembly is in Milwaukee this year. We can send a representative. Work on forming Committees continues. The purchase of monthly calendar boards for the office will happen soon. Council members are asked to stop in at VBS this week and to participate in next week's joint Feed My Starving Children activities and Church Service in Tomah.

Angie Gruen, Education Committee, called attention to the starting of VBS. Bud Osteboe, Social Ministry, will now gear up for Wood Turtle Sundaes. Steve Brandau, Property, clarified several items including repair of the organ motor, completion of the doorbell project and a bid from Ledegar Roofing, who replaced the Church roof, to repair a non-related problem that has developed with the gutters: \$1650. Motion to approve by Dan Buchholz, second Justin Arndt. MC. Also approved by consensus was the payment of an additional \$693.84 to Northern Electric when the alarm system has been approved.

Old Business:

It was the consensus of the Council to continue our regular laddering procedure with our Edward Jones investments. The kitchen project can best be handled at the appropriate time and we've already had to address the problem of too many set-aside accounts. The Edward Jones financial advisor suggested leaving expiring CD funds in the money market account for the time being as CD rates are tumbling. President Dan will monitor.

Dan Buchholz emphasized, and Justin Arndt seconded, that the step replacement project is a lengthy process (two years or more). The steps cannot be replaced as is; there will need to be some type of structural change. Designs must be agreed upon, bids obtained, etc.

River Architects of La Crosse will be submitting their proposals soon; two other companies are being pursued.

New Business:

Motion to add Justin Arndt as a signatory for Edward Jones: Larry Ballwahn moved; second Steve Brandau. MC.

Wood Turtle Worship in the park is being planned.

Other Business: The next meeting will be August 11 at 8:00 am.

Following the Lord's Prayer; Tim Deichler moved adjournment; second Justin Arndt. Carried by unanimous consent at 8:40 am.

Respectfully Submitted; Larry Ballwahn, Council Secretary