

9.27.16 Minutes

The Church Council meeting was called to order by President Zenon Wojcik at 6:00 P.M.

Members present: Zenon Wojcik, Kim Stien, Julie Poquette, Steve Erickson, Elecia Oleson, Greg Granlund, Claire Granlund, Tara Johnson, and Sally Gavin.

Members absent: Grace Johnson and Pastor Lori.

Opening prayer was given by Kim Stien.

The Secretary's Report from September 23, 2016 was presented and a motion was made by Kim and seconded by Greg to accept the report as corrected.

The Financial Report was presented by Tara and a motion was made by Greg and seconded by Claire to accept the report.

Pastor's Report:

1. A workshop on Stewardship is going to be held on Saturday November 5, 2016 from 9:00 – 3:00. The council and Stewardship Ministry is encouraged to attend. The synod is hosting this event. The cost is \$15 /person.
2. Is an "all committee night" useful and doable once a month? Maybe the second Tuesday, to gather everyone who's on a ministry team for Bible study and prayer in a large group, then break into each team for a business meeting.

The Bible study idea was well received. A motion was made by Julie and seconded by Claire to have Ministry teams/Bible study on the 2nd Tuesday of the month beginning in October.

President's Report:

1. Pastor's Compensation was discussed – in particular Insurance coverage for Pastor Lori and family. We are looking for a "Good Package" for saving money. This has to be done by the end of October. Zenon will talk to Pastor Lori about this.

2. Budget Shortfall...We should start talking about the budget. This has to be done by the end of November. Ministries should give their Budget Information to Tara ASAP.
3. The Foundation – a person is needed to replace Rick Olson – who goes off the Foundation. Zenon will talk to the nominating committee to find a replacement. Jacob Gapko will be the new president.
The Foundation will be giving a donation of \$12,000 - \$14,000 to University Lutheran Church. This money is to be used for a specific expense – not the general budget.

Stewardship:

1. Budget shortfall – an idea to increase income is to have an Online Giving Icon on our web page. It costs \$100 to set this up and \$10/ month to maintain. Greg is willing to pay for the setup and monthly fee. A motion was made by Steve and seconded by Claire to accept this idea. Greg will look into this.

Parish Life:

1. The Welcome Back Student picnic went well...sunshine and good food!!!
2. Wednesday nights – we need volunteers for food. We average 40 people for dinner.
3. Maybe we should use church \$ for food. But food costs a lot of money.
4. Campus Ministry should be a part of other local churches as well.

Education:

1. 4-6 families came to talk about education after a Sunday service. The idea was to meet Pastor Lori and listen as well as observe her education techniques.
2. A Reformation series is being considered for October.
3. The idea was brought up to read a book together and discuss it.

Worship:

1. Pastor Lori is trying to do communion in a different way to make more time for worship. It is important that we are finished by 11:00 for the Newman community.

2. James is our Sunday Pianist and Wednesday choir rehearsal pianist. Joe Krause is the choir director.
3. We need a pianist for Wednesday night service. James is too busy to do that as well.
4. The microphones are working!!
5. We need worship volunteers. Pastor Lori wants to do training for each volunteer position.

Outreach:

1. No Report

Old Business:

1. Father Dan and the ERC are going to decide on a new sign for the outside of the building. This is in addition to the current lawn sign.
2. Zenon will talk to Father Dan about reserving a room for our council meetings.
3. The Council time was changed from Tuesday to Sunday. We will meet the 4th Sunday after church beginning in October.

New Business:

1. It was suggested that we try to get small dinner groups together for the purpose of getting to know Pastor Lori better and she us.

Closing prayer was given by Kim and we adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Next meeting Sunday October 23rd after church.

Respectively Submitted,
Sally Gavin, Secretary