

02-12-17

The Church Council meeting was called to order by President Zenon Wojcik at 11:20 A. M.

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

Members absent: -0-

The opening prayer was given by Pastor Lori.

The Secretary's Report from January 8, 2017 was presented, and a motion was made by Kim and seconded by Julie to accept the report.

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

Ministry Reports:

1. Outreach Ministry – Grace reported that she would like to have Community Table before Spring Break or shortly after so students could participate.
2. Worship Ministry – Julie reported that the choir room has been cleaned out. We are keeping With One Voice, but not sure where the other old hymnals will go. Reviewed Holy Week schedule – as to which music will be used. Because of the Eau Claire Marathon on May 7<sup>th</sup>, there will be no Sunday worship for us. We could participate in the Blue/Gold Mile. Is there another place or time to worship? Saturday night was good for the Council. Worship Ministry will discuss this further. Pastor Lori will talk to James and Joe about playing and directing for next fall as well as this summer.
3. Stewardship: - Greg showed the data he collected from the blue cards. Adjustments can be made at anytime or suggestions for change. Greg would be happy to accept any. This is a good tool and Sara and Pastor Lori will work on a directory using it. There are still some missing blue cards from members. Greg also explained the Vanco fee for online giving.
4. Parish Life: - Steve said “No Complaints!” The students enjoy being downstairs on Wednesday night. However, if Jacob comes, supper will be upstairs. Everything needs to be put away after supper downstairs. We need some kind of carpet cleaning product - in case there is any spilling.
5. Education: - Elecia said there needs to be more input from the council in regard to education. We are missing out. New families come to worship, but find there is no program for children and then we don't see them. We need to start thinking about

what to do – and set a starting date. There are lots of options. The community needs to discuss and struggle with this.

#### Pastor's Report

1. The first Sunday in April is an educational opportunity with the Newman community to celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation – as a Lenten Series. Newman is willing, but they do not celebrate the Reformation.
2. We will be using a Lenten Devotional book for Wednesday evening worship.
3. The worship service that was used in Sweden will be used on October 29<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 at the Immaculate Conception church. This is a joint Lutheran/Catholic service for Eau Claire, Chippewa Falls and Menomonie.
4. Pastor Lori is happy with the information received from the “sharing” time, and she will condense the information for everyone.
5. We will be a part of the National Lutheran Campus Ministry study. Suzie Slota and Blake Westerlund will be a part of the interview.

#### President's Report:

1. Before the Annual meeting in April, Zenon would like a box so that people can write out questions ahead of time about the Buy In/Buy Out process. And also so that the council will be prepared for the questions ahead of time. Pastor Lori will put something together for this. Pastor Lori said that we should be allowed to reapply for membership in the ERC.

#### Old Business:

1. The Annual Meeting will be April 30<sup>th</sup> after church.

#### New Business:

None

Closing prayer given by Pastor Lori.

#### **March 5, 2017 – Next Council Meeting!**

Meeting adjourned at 1:10 P.M.

Respectively submitted,

Sally Gavin, Secretary