

5.9.17 Council Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 P.M. by President Kim Stien. Devotions were given by Pastor Lori.

Members Present: Kim Stien, Sue Diel, Elecia Oleson, Julie Poquette, Anthony Windau, Grace Johnson, Carol Rudd, Pastor Lori, and Sally Gavin.

Members Absent: Tara Johnson and Steve Erickson.

A short Bible Study was led by Pastor Lori on Acts 2:37-47. We discussed what “we heard and understood”. We talked about the voice of the community – doing God’s work”. All our ministries were mentioned in this portion of Acts.

Financial Report:

Kim went over the Financial Report . Tara was unable to be at Council tonight. The total income for April was \$10,508.79. The total expenses for April were \$16,953.71. A motion was made and seconded to accept her report.

Secretary’s Report:

Sally read the Minutes from the April 2 Council meeting. A motion was made and seconded to accept the corrected minutes. Andrea was at the meeting as the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee not as a guest.

Ministry Reports:

Each chair spoke to the function of their Ministry.

Outreach: Community things – like Community Table and Beacon House

Worship: - discuss worship ideas for Sunday worship, Musicians. Will meet soon.

Stewardship: – looking at long term or the big picture. Keep track of where we are- so we know where we are.

Parish Life: – Hospitality, Picnic, Hospitality week, Host parents, Caroling

Education: - Confirmation in the fall

Pastor's Report:

1. Stewardship is not just money. But it is time and energy as well. Thanks we are offering back to God. She would like to encourage tithing in the congregation. She believes in collecting the gifts first and then see what we can do. To find out who does what in their work life and share with the students.
2. Our By Laws were updated in 2007. The Synod updated in 2017. We need to work on that.
3. Pastor Lori also went over what a pastor does (according to the Constitution) and what the Council is suppose to do – what it means to be on the Council.
4. She would like to have a Fellowship and Bible Study event in the fall. To prepare for that, we would read the book of Acts during the summer and she would preach the text. A discussion will take place with Worship, and Education Ministries as well as Bibles and Bagels. More information will be coming.
5. Vacation: For our information Pastor Lori gets 5 weeks of vacation and 2 weeks for Continuing Education.

Old Business:

A Transition Team needs to be set up for the purpose of discussing Participating membership or Capital membership in the ERC. We want to be prepared. So far we have: Greg Granlund, Gary King and Zenon Wojcik. We need one more member from the council - preferably a woman. We are thinking about that at this time.

Next meeting will be Tuesday June 13 at 6:00.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50P.M. – after a closing prayer by Pastor Lori.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sally Gavin, Secretary