

Church Council Minutes

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1. The meeting was called to order by Vice President Rod Custer at 6:40 PM. Members present were Pastor Stephan Sandness, Tracy Johnson, Michelle Keil, Deb Kimbell, Cindy Koppinger, Tammi Martin, Dianne Miller, Rod Custer, Laura Campbell, Troy Hight and Jim Van't Land.
2. Tracy Johnson shared a devotion about "making good choices" with reference to Proverbs 20:11, and particular focus on training our children.
3. The agenda was approved with a motion from Tammi Martin and a second by Deb Kimbell. The motion carried.
4. January Council Meeting Minutes were approved with a motion by Cindy Koppinger and a second by Michelle Keil. The motion carried.
5. Tammi Martin shared the January Treasurer's report, noting that expenses exceeded giving by approximately \$1560 for the month. The Treasurer's report was approved with a motion from Jim Van't Land and a second by Cindy Koppinger. The motion carried.
6. Staff Reports
 - a. Laura – Pastoral care continues to occupy a significant portion of her time and energy, including facilitating 2 funerals, but she appreciates the help of the Friendship Ministers. Laura is one of 2 people from Bear Butte Conference who serves on the SD Synod Support to Ministries with a meeting in Sioux Falls on January 25, and an on-line conference scheduled for March. She is also involved in 2 Bible Studies and will be hosting an ecumenical Centering Prayer Group again this year during Lent.
 - b. Pastor Stephan – Shared several thank-you notes from various ministry partners that OSLC supports. Starting Lent tomorrow with Ash Wednesday service. Pastor Stephan will be on sabbatical from May 21 – July 30 and is working on arranging visiting preachers. 2 seminars on End-of-Life Issues are being scheduled for the 2 Sundays after Easter. Annual Meeting of the Congregation is scheduled for Sunday, April 22. Pastor Stephan noted that he is the intern supervisor for Kris Garlick in Sturgis.

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7. Committee Updates
 - a. Education – Kids of the Kingdom & KidZone are going well; registration underway for Bible Camp this summer; Elementary Education day the afternoon of April 22; July 9-13 is VBS; Confirmation Sunday set for May 20; 6 youth signed up so far for the ELCA Youth Gathering.
 - b. Communication – Finalized a church logo; next focus is the website layout. Next meeting is scheduled for February 20.
 - c. Mission Team – Serving Wed night meal on Feb 21; good sign-up for the Food Pantry this February; continuing support of Sharing the Dream.
8. Pastor Stephen noted that 2 expenditures were approved by email among the Council during the past month.
 - a. New Senior Pastor laptop
 - b. New Exterior Security LED Lighting
9. Troy Hight made a motion to purchase a new laptop for Laura; seconded by Rod Custer. Motion approved.
10. The kitchen exhaust fans / vents need to be cleaned. Recommended firms and contacts were provided to Pastor Stephan. Troy Hight will look into the Portico water leaking and ice dam situation.
11. The meeting was adjourned with a motion by Cindy Koppinger and a second by Troy Hight. Motion approved, and meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Van't Land

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