

Church Council Minutes

Tuesday, October 9, 2018 - 6:30 pm

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| Meeting Location: | OSLC | |
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1. The meeting was called to order by President Rod Custer at 6:35 PM. Members present were Pastor Stephan Sandness, Laura Campbell, Rod Custer, Dillon Haug, Michelle Keil, Cindy Koppinger, Deb Kimbell, Tammi Martin, Kari Webb, Dawn Wood, Gary Dettman and Jim Van't Land.
2. Tammi Martin shared a devotion about calling out to God for the strength to say "no" when feeling overwhelmed by the events of life; and then to pray for time for rest, time for prayer, and especially time for praising God. Tammi also shared that, given her new job, she is no longer able to serve on Council as she would like and thus is resigning. Pastor Stephan and President Rod Custer both expressed our appreciation for the diligent work Tammi has given to this Council over the last 3.5 years.
3. Each Council member shared "What's On Top" in their lives.
4. The agenda was approved with a motion by Tammi Martin and a second by Deb Kimbell. The motion carried.
5. September Council Meeting Minutes were approved with a correction that Deb Kimbell was present. A motion was made to approve the corrected minutes by Jim Van't Land and a second by Michelle Keil. The motion carried.
6. Tammi Martin shared the September Treasurer's report, noting that expenses exceeded giving by approximately \$6300 for the month, resulting in expenses exceeding giving by approximately \$12,500 year-to-date. There are no spending concerns, but Tammi reported that Julie will be reviewing our copier contract with our provider to see if there are lower cost solutions. The Treasurer's report was approved with a motion by Cindy Koppinger and a second by Gary Dettman. The motion carried. We will need to create a new signature card at First Interstate Bank.

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7. Staff Reports

- a. Laura Campbell – Pastoral care continues to be a big part of Laura's time; teachers at West Elementary sent a thank-you card for the Helping Hands ministry to them. Faith and Care Group for October is having a hard time finding sufficient help for Sunday Services. Friendship Ministry is looking at potentially hosting a suicide prevention workshop at OSLC. The SD Synod Fall Theological conference last month also highlighted concerns about potential suicide issues related to the ranch & farm economy in the state.
- b. Pastor Stephan – Pastor Stephan noted that we have a new custodian, Missy, who is settling in and doing well; his thanks to those on the Personnel Committee who helped with the interview process. Additional funerals are on his schedule for this month. Stewardship planning is also underway. First Communion class celebrated their first communion in September. 12-18 kids have been in attendance on Wednesday night School. Pastor Stephan has also been in contact with our local Thrivent representatives concerning a curriculum for managing personal finances.

8. Committee Updates

- a. Education – Deb Kimbell shared that the Wednesday School is off to a good start. Kid Zone is full at 40 kids; Bible Camp registration begins November 5; Milestone dates for pre-school kids have been set.
- b. Mission Team – Cindy Koppinger shared that the Mission Team will be serving Wednesday night meal tomorrow evening; Angel Tree planning is underway; Equal Exchange is planning a "Sample Sunday"; the Food Pantry is working on a better method for sharing contributions by congregation.
- c. Communication – Michelle Keil noted that the Committee has narrowed down to 2 developers, a final selection will be made soon; that the new Logo will be rolled out shortly; thanks to Cindy Koppinger for editing the various group summaries.
- d. Stewardship – Pastor Stephan shared the letter to be sent out next week to kick-off our 2018 Stewardship Initiative, culminating with a November 4 Commitment Sunday.
- e. Senior Ministry – Laura shared that the Fall Outing will be on 25 October to the Mining Museum in Lead.
- f. Lutheran Campus Ministry – Tammi Martin shared that a joint meeting with both boards was held recently. Rachel would like to engage a student intern at each campus to help her be more effective in her own ministry activities. Discussion was also held concerning

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the combining of the 2 ministry boards – it would simplify overall administration and financing.

- g. Properties - Rod Custer shared that the new cabinets are installed in The Living Room kitchen, Gary Dettman will be installing the dishwasher and countertops will be installed within the next week. Gary Dettman also shared that Beth's office water problem appears to be solved, but we need to re-carpet her office to replace the ruined carpet. The plan is to purchase additional carpet squares that match the sanctuary carpet squares to simplify future replacement. Gary is also working with Spearfish Seamless to get a quote for gutter guards and heat tape.
9. The 2019 Proposed Budget was reviewed. Jim Van't Land made a motion and Gary Dettman seconded the motion to present the Proposed 2019 Budget at the Semi-Annual Meeting of the Congregation on Sunday, November 11, 2018. Motion approved.
10. Pastor Stephan shared the requirements of the Treasurer position and asked for recommendations of possible candidates.
11. Pastor Stephan shared a closing devotional from Mark 10.
12. The meeting was adjourned with a motion by Cindy Koppinger and a second by Dillon Haug. Motion approved, and meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Van't Land

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