

Church Council Minutes

Tuesday, September 11, 2018 - 6:30 pm

Meeting Location:	OSLC

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1. The meeting was called to order by President Rod Custer at 6:37 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 and Jim Van't Land.
2. Rod Custer shared a devotion about the intersection of current information technology and our faith; reminding us that our God is far more creative than all our created technology, and opened with prayer.
3. Each Council member shared "What's On Top" in their lives.
4. The agenda was approved with a motion by Cindy Koppinger and a second by Deb Kimbell. The motion carried.
5. August Council Meeting Minutes were approved with a motion by Tammi Martin and a second by Michelle Keil. The motion carried.
6. Tammi Martin shared the August Treasurer's report, noting that expenses exceeded giving by approximately \$8600 for the month, resulting in expenses exceeding giving by approximately \$8800 year-to-date. The Treasurer's report was approved with a motion by Dawn Wood and a second by Cindy Koppinger. The motion carried.
7. Staff Reports
 - a. Laura Campbell – spent a lot of time recruiting people for the Fall Program, and also spent time with WELCA (including her last year on the Bear Butte Conference WELCA Board). Attended a 2 day WELCA Leadership training program in August. Alli Headman shared appreciation for the \$300 gift she received from OSLC for working at Klein Ranch camp this summer.
 - b. Pastor Stephan – a couple of weddings and a funeral the last month; with another funeral this week. Preparing for Confirmation this fall and the Council-sponsored dinner tomorrow evening. Wednesday evening meal calendar is in process of being filled out. Pastor Stephan was in Belle Fourche last week at the request of the Synod, as the ELCA church there has been without a pastor for 2 years, so Pastor Stephan has been asked to be a

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Counselor for their Council. Kari Webb will also be assisting the Belle Fourche church by preaching 2 times per month. Kris Garlick will be ordained in Sturgis on September 22.

8. Committee Updates

- a. Education – Deb Kimbell shared that Sunday School has started with more than 40 kids registered so far, and tomorrow evening will be the first meeting for the new Wednesday evening kids' program. KidZone will be capped at 40 kids and starts October 3. Confirmation Sunday is set for May 5, 2019. September 23 will be First Communion Sunday, expect about 15 kids. Adult education will begin in October.
- b. Mission Team – Cindy Koppinger shared that the Spearfish Clothe-A-Kid ministry was completed with all 5 churches together donating more than \$17,300 and businesses donating more than \$8000. 149 students applied before the deadline, but were able to serve 167 kids due to the donations given. God's Work, Our Hands Sunday was completed this past Sunday with several ministries reaching out to the community in a variety of ways.
- c. Communication – Michelle Keil reported that they met on September 6, with wording being finalized for various church groups. Discussion on additional website content took place; each council member is asked to bring a very brief biography of themselves for the next meeting. Stationery is being designed for consistency with the new logo. Next meeting is scheduled for September 20.
- d. Properties - Jim Van't Land shared that the front step area, including the retaining wall, will need major renovation and a corner of the sanctuary brickwork will need repair in the near future. Jim Benning believes it can wait a year but we need to get on a mason contractor's schedule. Estimated cost is unknown at this time.
- e. Rod shared that progress is being made on remodeling of The Living Room kitchen, and he thinks it will be completed by early October.
- f. Senior Ministry – Laura Campbell shared that over 60 people were invited to the Bless Our Seniors. September outing will be postponed to October.
- g. Better Living, Better Health – Deb Kimbell shared that there will be classes held at The Living Room over a 6 week period to help folks better manage their health. If this works out well, Deb would like to hold these classes quarterly and would also like to share with the congregation.

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9. Barb Harper has resigned as our custodian, effective 15 September. The Personnel Committee has met to find a replacement, with only 1 viable lead at this point in time. The job is about 20 hours per week, with some flexibility in terms of timing.
10. "Bev's Kids" is a new ministry, in memory of Bev Tetreault, that has been added as a result of a specific donation to provide meals for at-risk kids in our community. It will be administered by the church staff.
11. Pastor Stephan shared the Gospel Lesson for this coming Sunday with the Council, reflecting on what it means to "take up our cross", and then prayed for the congregation.
12. The meeting was adjourned with a motion by Tammi Martin and a second by Cindy Koppinger. Motion approved, and meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Van't Land

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