

Church Council Minutes

Tuesday, September 10, 2019 - 6:30 PM

Meeting Location: Conference Room

OUR MISSION: Inspired by God's grace, we open our hearts to all in faith, prayer, fellowship, and service through Jesus Christ.

- 1. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Rod Custer at 6:30 PM. Members present were Pastor Stephan Sandness, Deacon Laura Lee Campbell, Tom Baloun, Rod Custer, Gary Dettman, Dillon Haug, Michelle Keil, Deb Kimbell, Cindy Koppinger, Helen Merriman, and Dawn Wood.
- 2. Devotions:** Pastor Stephan shared a devotion based on the Old Testament scripture readings for September 15, involving a conversation between God and Moses. When Moses had gone up the mountain to meet with God, Moses was gone so long that the Israelites started to create and worship idols. God was angry, but Moses reminded God that they were "His people," and God turned away from his wrath.
- 3.** Each council member shared "What's On Top" in their lives. Most people were busy: some with children and their sports/activities, some with travels and visitors, and some with celebrations and sorrows.
- 4. Approve the Agenda:** Dawn Wood moved to approve the agenda for the meeting; Dillon Haug seconded; motion carried.
- 5. August Council Minutes:** Tom Baloun moved to approve the August Council Minutes; Deb Kimbell seconded; motion carried.
- 6. August Treasurer's Report:** Pastor Stephan reviewed the Treasurer's Report with council members. The report showed that offerings for August were very low. August's income is usually the lowest of the months, but we are almost \$23,000 behind year-to-date. Offerings usually increase month by month through December. Michelle Keil moved to accept the Treasurer's Report; Gary Dettman seconded; motion carried.
- 7. Ministerial Staff Reports:** Laura Lee Campbell is thankful for the teams who are getting all the things done for the fall. Friendship Ministry will host a presentation on suicide prevention. Faith and Care are looking for ways to encourage people to volunteer to serve during their scheduled month. Education, Mission Team, and Senior Ministry are all planning and working.

Pastor Stephan reported that Marc Stacey of Thrivent will present four sessions on "More Than Money Matters," dealing with cyber security. The meetings will be held Wednesday nights before Wednesday Word, October 30 through November 20. He also reported that the north door to the church now has a lock that needs a code or key card to open. Using the code or card can track who came into the building and whether or not the person has left the building. Pastor believes that seeing people

come in through the east or west doors will keep everyone safer than if they came in through the north door and no one knew they were in the church. Both Stephan and Laura will be able to open the lock remotely if someone needed to enter when the entire building is locked. Pastor Stephan reported that Confirmation will start tomorrow (September 11, 2019) and the first Wednesday Meal will be served on September 18. First Communion classes will be held on September 22 and 29, with First Communion celebrated on October 6. Pastor Stephan will attend the Fall Theological Convocation on September 22–24. He will attend the Internship Cluster Meeting with Kari Webb as part of her training on October 14-15.

8. Committee Reports: Several committees reported the following information.

Pastor Stephan requests that all teams get their budget requests to him before October 2, so he can have that ready for the budgeting meeting.

Communication – Michelle Keil reported that the committee will meet on September 12 to discuss what’s been done and where to go next. Videos of each sermon are being posted on the website for those who would like to see them.

Mission Team – Some members will travel to Woyatan in Rapid City to prepare a Sunday Meal for them after their worship service. Mission Team will also sign up to do a Wednesday meal this fall. Angel Tree leaders will start planning soon.

Education – Deb Kimbell reported that 47 kids of 26 families were enrolled in Sunday School. Rally Wednesday will be September 11; only one student has registered so far. Third Grade Bibles will be presented on September 29.

Confirmation numbers: 7th Grade: 11 girls / 5 boys 8th Grade 6 girls / 5 boys
[Updated numbers after the meeting: 7th: 15 girls /5 boys 8th: 8 girls /5 boys]

Personnel Committee – will meet after Wednesday Word on September 18.

Property/Fix It Crew – meets every Tuesday. Screens and projectors have been ordered and should be installed in mid-to-late October. Decisions about carpet should be made before the Annual Congregational Meeting.

Senior Ministry – Helen Merriman reported on the Bless the Years celebration and group picture. She discussed the trip to Fort Meade on September 26 and the Bingo part on October 31. Senior Ministry is working on the calendar for 2020.

Worship and Arts Committee – will host a Wednesday meal on October 9.

10. At 7:40, Deb Kimbell moved to adjourn the meeting; Dillon Haug seconded; motion carried. The meeting ended with the Lord’s Prayer.

13. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at 6:30 PM in the Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Koppinger