

Church Council Minutes

Tuesday, March 12, 2019 - 6:30 pm

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, Troy Hight, Michelle Keil, Deb Kimbell, Cindy Koppinger, Kari Webb, Dawn Wood, Dillon Haug and Jim Van't Land.
2. Cindy Koppinger shared a devotion based on Jesus' words from the Gospel of John where He said that He would lead the way for us as we journey through life. We are to keep our eyes open for the mile markers in our lives that He places there for us.
3. Each Council member shared "What's On Top" in their lives.
4. The agenda was approved with a motion by Michelle Keil and a second by Deb Kimbell. The motion carried.
5. February Council Meeting Minutes were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the amended minutes by Troy Hight and a second by Deb Kimbell. The motion carried.
6. Pastor Stephan shared the February Treasurer's report, noting that expenses exceeded giving by approximately \$9,600 for the month and \$16,700 year-to-date. Overall, expenses have been below budget, with the exception of higher-than-planned snow removal costs. However, we have experienced lower than expected giving, also likely driven by the colder, snowy weather. The Treasurer's report was approved with a motion by Jim Van't Land and a second by Troy Hight. The motion carried.
7. Staff Reports
 - a. Laura Campbell – Eleven of the Prayer Ministers are in a Lent pray-challenge, completing an email study on prayer together. Last week Laura met with the Faith and Care chairpersons – what is working well and what needs to be changed with the program. Laura also shared her thoughts on the Council-hosted Wednesday Supper on April 10, but also asked for ideas for a main dish. Laura also shared that the Pine Ridge Retreat Center was featured in the November Lutheran magazine.
 - b. Pastor Stephan – Preparation for and now involved in Lent services; including the "Round Robin" sharing of services by 5 pastors in the area. Ash Wednesday service was well attended, and Pastor is already planning the Good Friday service. The Thrivent Financial

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classes were highly appreciated by those attending; with discussion about more classes in the fall, covering additional topics. Wednesday evening service attendance has continued to grow, while Sunday attendance has remained about the same over the last 2-3 years.

8. Committee Updates

- a. Communication – Michelle Keil shared that the updated website is nearly ready for release; final editing underway following a 3 hour team meeting reviewing details. Need to set up a training session for the Communications Team once the changes are completed. Also looking into an automobile “window cling” to promote OSLC.
- b. Education – Deb Kimbell reported that attendance at Sunday School has slowed down somewhat; Celebration Sunday is April 28. 5th and 6th graders received their Bibles, which they will also use in Confirmation. 24 Campers registered so far. July 7-12 is Day Camp & VBS. March 24 & 27 will be a book sale that will support Camperships.
- c. Mission Team – Cindy Koppinger noted that the Mission team will provide a “Thanksgiving” style dinner on Wednesday evening, March 27.
- d. Senior Ministry – Laura shared that the Bingo and Pizza party went well.
- e. Properties – Pastor Stephan re-opened a conversation about installing security cameras as there have been instances where doors that were definitely locked at the end of office hours were found unlocked the next morning. Security cameras often reduce insurance costs; additional research needed.

9. Deb Kimbell made a motion, seconded by Dawn Wood, to hold the Annual meeting on April 14 (Palm Sunday) at 9:45 AM. Motion approved.

10. The South Dakota Synod Assembly is set for May 31 – June 1 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls. Rod, Dawn and Dillon expressed interest in attending, along with Pastor Stephan and Laura Campbell; our church is allowed 6 lay members in addition to Pastor Stephan and Laura and expenses will be partially covered. On-line registration will begin in the near future.

11. The meeting was adjourned with a motion by Cindy Koppinger and a second by Deb Kimbell. Motion approved, and meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Van't Land

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