



Christ Lutheran Church

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2/13/2024

Congregational Council Minutes

Attending:

President: Matt Springer

Vice President: Steve Andres

Secretary: Janet Wilhoit - Ab

Treasurer: Bruce Mathias

Property Mgmt: Gary Jonson

Evangelism: Vacant

Fellowship: Betty Behee

Parish Ed: Ginny Clark

Preschool: Jenise Clausen

Social Concerns: Mary Ann O'Hara-Ab

Stewardship: JoAnn Philpot-Ab

Worship/Music: Dave Soderlund

Youth: Ginny Clark

Pastor(s) Pr. Brian Stoffregen

Opening: Matt - Welcome

Pastor Brian - Opening Prayer

Ongoing:

1. Financials

Bruce reported that we ended the 2023 year with a positive balance of \$22,182.23.

2. Covid - No changes

3. Consent Agenda - Minutes, Pastor's & Treasurer's reports - No action taken

Discussion/Vote

1. Call Committee Update - Dave Soderlund

Dave reported the following:

a. The committee worked on questions for candidates

b. A test interview was conducted with Pastor Liza, which was very helpful

c. At a meeting with Pastor Andy, the committee received three names and will meet with Pastor Erik to review candidates.

d. Nancy Tupper is working on a history of CLC to be sent to each candidate

e. Shay created a "poster" about the city of Ferndale as additional material for candidates

f. Next step: Setting-up interviews!

2. Welcome to new members received on Sunday, Feb. 11:

Teri Hartley, Gunther & Marijo Hoffman, Scott Fulton & Sharon Klassen, Jill Thomas, Mary Springer

3. Fire System Update - Gary Jonson

Gary reported that Kurt Anderson is the one who know the system and he is out of town.

Pastor Brian said the system is currently working.

Committee Reports:

Preschool: Jenise reported that there are currently 52 students enrolled. The budget was discussed and it was noted that there are families who need and receive tuition assistance. The Parent Event Team (PET) raises funds to help with tuition assistance.

Enrollment for the coming year opens in March and two open houses will be held.

There is concern that we are losing students to the free, Public School Preschool. Pastor Liza is meeting with the school district to discuss this.

Social Concerns:

Mary Ann reported that we helped one person in January with the "Helping Neighbors Fund" which is from the "Noisy Offering"; Family Promise provided two additional meal kits from CLC members in January; OPOP is still meeting and continues training; The Mini-Pantry is used and emptied most days; CLC provided 100 new gifts for the Holiday Giving Store in December; Tracy Strissel continues to be active with the Disaster and Emergency Planning Team and had a good response to her plea for helpers - several members are willing to help when needed; Six members from CLC have volunteered to be on the team for Cultural Companion Volunteers for immigrants new to our area; Interfaith is in a transitional phase.

Stewardship:

Jo Ann reported the committee is planning an Earth Day/Arbor Day Event to plant 100 seedlings. There will be a bike rodeo for children and other activities to involved the Ferndale community. They are planning an Art Show later in the year.

Fellowship:

Betty reported that the committee provided special Valentine treats for coffee hour last Sunday, which was well attended. There will be a Seder Dinner on Maundy Thursday, planned in conjunction with Worship & Music.

Worship & Music:

Dave reported that new wireless microphones have been purchased with memorial funds; Lenten services are beginning and Don Clausen is coordinating speakers for services; Soup Suppers will start on Feb. 21; (Pastor Brian mentioned there have been some issues with the Live Streaming recently).

Parish Ed:

Ginny - Adult Ed. is providing studies in the Fireside Room after worship; three weeks on Psalm 23 and three weeks led by Pastor Russ.

Property Mgmt:

Gary reported that the snow was removed from the parking lot in January; the lawn mower has had its "annual check-up" and is ready when needed.

Other Items:

Concerns were expressed about the follow-up on the yellow attendance slips we put in the offering every Sunday. Thoughtful discussion followed and it was decided that Matt will make an announcement on Sunday about the importance of filling them out and Mary Ann has offered to check with Laurel as to follow-up procedures.

Closing:

Steve closed with prayer.

Next Meetings:

Exec. 3/5/2024 @6:30 on Zoom

Council 3/12/24 @6:30 on Zoom

Minutes recorded by Betty Behee