

Council Minutes: Sept 30, 2019

Members present: Greta Blegvad, Alice Beamer, Denise Crews, Mark Finck, Jean Hovland, Mandy John, Charlie Laidlaw-Smith, Al Miller, Pastor Stroup

Excused: Anne Daly, Matt Hummel, Joe Miller, Jim Rengert, Betsy Williams

Call to Order: 7:00pm

Devotion: No devotion, prayer

Congregational Concerns: No congregation members present

Review of Aug. 26, 2019 minutes: Corrections to be made.

*Motion to accept the minutes- Al Miller, Seconded-Charlie Laidlaw-Smith. Motion Approved

Committee Reports:

*Motion to accept the reports-Jean Hovland, Seconded-Alice Beamer. Motion Approved

- **Congregational Care:** Submitted written report attached
- **Education: No Report**
- **Evangelism: No Report**
- **Four Church Farm:** Submitted written report attached
- **Mutual Ministry:** Pastor Betsy was hoping to start the committee again, but her health issues have pushed it back. Hoping to have more information by October 10th
- **Property:** Submitted written report attached
- **Rental Property:** All properties paid up. Octobers rents are coming in. The property at 105 had the carpet replaced on the ground floor and up the steps. A contractor was contacted about fixing the issues at 349, including the drop ceiling.
- **Technology/Website:** No Report
- **WELCA:** Decided not to have a baked steak dinner, but the info was sent to the choir in case they wanted to do something with it. They have taken care of the cookies for the Sights and Sounds of Christmas on the first Thursday in December. The next meeting will be on the first Saturday in December at 11:30 at the Olive Garden
- **Worship:** Haven't met recently, but planned through Advent
- **Youth Ministry:** Youth are not doing a breakfast in October and a reception for Micheal will be held that Sunday after church instead. Mandy would like to look at doing activities for the youth outside of church.

Treasurer's Report:

*Motion to assign an audit committee to review the report and make recommendations, approve the non-audit audit, and to accept the proposal of an annual cursory audit for 2020 and succeeding years until a new treasurer is appointed-Charlie Laidlaw-Smith, Seconded- Alice Beamer. Motion Approved

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Pastor's Report: No Report. Discussion of pastoral duties to be fulfilled by Pastor John Stroup found under New Business

Old Business:

- Mecklenburg 2020(10 confirmed, 6 unconfirmed)- Fred Freytag said the group is looking at June 20-28 but there could possibly be changes to those. Host families are needed for those that are coming. They would need to provide breakfast, possibly a dinner or 2 depending on the schedule and transportation to the meeting location for that day. The group has expressed interest in Amish Country, Hocking Hills, and a tour at a Native American mound site. Money will be budgeted for the trip and details will be discussed at the budget meeting
- Bell Choir is moving to the south transept for the 2019-2020 music season(Aug-May). Once the season is over they will decide if they will remain down in that space or move everything back up to the balcony space.
*Motion to move the bell choir until May of 2020-Denise Crews, Seconded-Al Miller

New Business:

- Tasks required of Pastor John Stroup/Pastor Matt VanWinkle were discussed. Pastor Stroup has agreed to the following pastoral duties: Sunday services, Activities and services during the christmas season(ie Christmas Eve service, Magnificat), sit in on Worship Committee meetings, fulfilling shut in visits and calls to the sick, performing funerals/baptisms/weddings, any emergency pastoral care. A full list of shut-ins will be provided for him. Matt Vanwinkle has agreed to continue with the Saturday services and it will be asked if he can be there for the early Christmas Eve service.
*Motion to keep paying Pastor Stroup \$175 for standard Sunday services plus an hourly rate of \$25 for specified duties plus mileage-Charlie Laidlaw-Smith, Seconded-Greta Blegvad. Motion Approved
*Motion to keep Matt VanWinkle as Pastor for the Saturday services-Jean Hovland, Seconded-Greta Blegvad. Motion Approved
- Topics to be covered during the Congregational Meeting on October 5th/6th-Budget, Constitution, Bell Choir move, Time/Talent Sheets
- 2020 Church Council is just around the corner. Biographies for new members will go in the November forward.
- Thrive Campaign-Tabled to council's october meeting

Roundtable:

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Greta- Lois Mathey's mother passed away on the 23rd and the funeral is on October 19th in Albert Lee, Minnesota. Oktoberfest committee did a wonderful job! She wanted to say thank you!

Charlie-Thank you to the Oktoberfest committee!

Jean- Encouraged people and council members to participate in the Thrive meeting

Denise-Asked if we were going to participate in the Advent Dinners. The answer was no. Carolyn King was looking to see if the nativity that was gifted to the church could be put in a more visible space. Council liked the idea of having the Sunday school classes set it up in the hallway.

Closing prayer: The meeting was concluded by reciting the Lord's Prayer

Dates to Remember

Congregational Meetings- October 5/6

Reception for Michael- October 13th