

Council Minutes; Aug 26, 2019

Present: Alice Beamer, Greta Blegvad, Anne Daly, Mark Finck, Jean Hovland, Matt Hummel, Mandy John, Al Miller, Joe McDaniel, Jim Rengert

Excused: Denise Crews, Kerrill Foster, Charlie Laidlaw-Smith, Betsy Williams

Call to Order: 7:00 pm

Devotion: No devotion, but a brief discussion on the sermon that was given by Bishop Dilahunt.

Listening to Concerns of the Congregation (limit 15 minutes): No Congregation members present

Review of Meeting Minutes from 29 July 2019: Spelling changes to be made. Motion to accept the minutes with corrections, Matt. Seconded, Anne. Motion Passes

Committee Reports: Motion to accept the reports, Alice. Seconded, Mark. Motion Passes

- **Congregational Care:** A vase of flowers was given to Wanda and Ernie Cooperider and Mary Beamer. A visit to Mary Beamer was also made. A Vase was also given to Jackie Casto.
 - Debbie Anctil and Gail Grangaurd visited Margaret Marx, Wanda Cooperider, Fred Citrone, Lois Lovelady, Gretchen Treneff, and Dick Wagenheim
- **Education: No Report**
- **Evangelism: No Report**
- **Four Church Farm:** Met on Aug 20th.
 - AEP hauled the old freezer away and gave the committee a \$50 debit card. A small chest freezer will be coming from Pastor George for the farm.
 - Dan treated the weeds and put a new belt and blades on the mower.
 - St. Paul's in Glenford are discussing joining the Four Church Farm
 - Chuck and Dan are taking care of purchases from GFS as well as coolers and ice for the Hog Roast on Oct. 6th, the service that day will be at 3:30pm and eating at 4:00pm
- **Mutual Ministry:** Pastor Betsy would like for this group to meet again, but with her return to the hospital it has been tabled until she is well.
- **Property:** The committee met with members of the bell choir to discuss the possibility of moving them to the south transept. Alice reviewed the origins of the request and the pros and cons.
 - Michael stated that he could make either space work. John and Russ have reviewed the spaces and the balcony is long but narrow, whereas the south transept is more square. John stated that the handbell storage cabinets would fit with the tables in the south transept. The committee members are willing to prep. the space for the handbells if they decided to move. Lighting would be improved if they did
 - The consensus of those present was to discuss the options at a bell choir rehearsal where more opinions could be heard since only 4 members were present
- **Rental Property:** All the property occupants are paid up
- **Technology/Website: No Report**
- **WELCA:** Food was provided for our German visitors

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- **Worship:** Choir will start again on the week of Sept 1st. It was proposed to have a reception at the church to welcome our new choir and bell director Michael on Oct. 13th. in lieu of the youth breakfast. This will be advertised, and choir and bell members will be asked to bring food/deserts
- **Youth Ministry:** Mathias, Carys, and Riley helped with LOMO and it was a huge hit! As always, volunteers can always be used if we want to do LOMO next year. A youth breakfast will occur on Sept. 8th in conjunction with Rally Day. God's Work our Hands will be on Sept. 12th.

Treasurer's Report: No Report

Pastor's Report: Pastor Betsy had to return to the hospital with pneumonia. It is unknown when she will be coming back to the pulpit.

Old Business

- Mecklenburg 2020- 10 members from the sister church are confirmed to be coming. 6 are unconfirmed.
- God's Work our Hands- Project with the Licking Co Aging Program, Sept 12th,
- The Land of Legend Chorus inquired about renting a space upstairs for a practice space. But it was tabled since we had not heard back from them.
- Rally Day-Sept 8th program "the fruit of the spirit", presented by Denise Crews

New Business

- Vote on choral director Michael belt(review contract). Motion to accept the contract and hire, Matt. Seconded, Anne. Motion Approved! Welcome Michael!!
- Floor resurfacing of the stage(done in conjunction with the eye center).
 - Our share would be \$75. Motion to approve, Jean. Seconded, Matt. Motion passed

Roundtable- No other points

Closing Prayer

Action: Per the discussion from the July meeting, it was decided that council members should let Mandy know 48hrs or earlier if they are going to be absent from a meeting in order to be considered 'excused'. Should there be unforeseen circumstances (i.e. car trouble, traffic, emergencies) let Many know ASAP and those will be considered excused.

Dates to Remember:

- Four Church Farm Hog Roast- Oct 6th, service-3:30 with meal to follow at 4
- All Choirs Begin-Sept 4th, Younger choirs meet at 6:30, Covenant at 7:15
- Welcome Reception-Oct 13th after church
- Youth Breakfast- Sept 8th after church
- God's Work Our Hands- Sep 12th
- Congregational Meeting-Oct 5th, 6th
- Oktoberfest-Sept 28th