

Church Council Meeting
May 10, 2022
7:00 pm in the Luther Room

Present: Pastor Ale Tulu, Jill Ockhardt Blaufuss, Teresa Pearson, Ashley Johnson, Lois Fenske, Joel Herder, Kennedy Niska and Deb Berndt

Absent: Connie Jensen and Orrin Ausen

- A. The meeting was called to order by President Jill.
- B. Pastor Ale opened the meeting with devotions reminding us that God is patient, it takes time and the proper conditions for us to come to full bloom. Our Beautiful creations are a gift from God, and we need to take time to smell the flowers.
- C. Consent Agenda:
 1. Minutes:
 - a. March Council Meeting minutes were handed out at the meeting.
 2. Financial Reports: Financial reports for April 2022 were handed out. They included a Profit and Loss Statement for the month and a Balance Sheet dated April 30, 2022, were handed out to all members present.
 - a. Motion: A motion was made by Joel to approve the minutes and the financials as presented.
 - b. Second: The motion was seconded by Kennedy.
 - c. Action: The motion was passed with no opposition.
- D. Additions to the agenda: Add points 6 & 7 to the New Business to discuss a thank you gift for Scott Wendorff, Worship Committee report.
 - a. Motion: A motion was made by Teresa to add the items listed above to the agenda under New Business.
 - b. Second: The motion was seconded by Ashley.
 - c. Action: The motion was passed with no opposition.
- E. Old Business: None
- F. New Business:
 1. Pastor's Report –
 - Pastor Ale and the other Pastors met to set up a schedule for Nursing Home church services during the summer.
 - Met with the 10th grade Confirmands and their mentors to go over questions.
 - Frying Pan breakfast and devotions with men has had about 10 people in attendance.
 - Thursday will have a Conference meeting in Fergus Falls.
 - Recognition of Seniors graduation students is scheduled for Sunday, May 22, 2022.
 - Funeral for Linda Dietz will be held on May 16, 2022
 - Funeral for Betty LeNoue will be held May 17, 2022, at the church.
 - Synod Assembly to be held in June is going to be a ZOOM meeting. Registration has closed.
 2. President's Report
 - i. The Pledge Drive campaign was not met with much success. We will try again in the fall.
 - ii. Ethiopian Night –Pastor Ale and Sunny will serve some of their traditional foods. We will find a date in the Fall. We are hoping to use this as a fundraiser to help pay for the elevator. Jill found out that we could use the Wahpeton Community Center for \$150.00. Other suggestions are having music and entertainment specific to their culture.
 - iii. Parish Education – There is an organizational meeting for VBS with Bethel on June 5th at 7:00 pm. Ashley remarked that day is Breckenridge's graduation. Lois will ask Lisa if the date can be changed.
 3. Benefit Update – There was none since Connie was gone.
 4. LYO Report – Joel reported that the LYO is going Bowling May 15th in Fargo. There is a family swimming night set for August 10th which will be open to families and kids too. The Valley Fair Trip is set for June 10th and is open to all kids going into 7th through 12th. Parents may come with younger children also. Matt Anderson will drive the bus for free, we pay for gas and the LYO pays for his ticket and his children's. The kids can only make purchases with debit and credit cards, so Teresa suggested that they purchase a ticket with a meal included. They are also scheduling ditch cleaning and possibly a float in one of the parades.
 5. Building Committee – Teresa reported that the sewer line had backed up on the prior Friday night and she had called a plumber to roto-root out the line because tree roots had caused it to get plugged. They then flushed the line for a couple of hours. Then after all the rain a few days later the sewer had backed up in several of the drains in the

basement. She and husband sucked up water for 3 hours. It was noted that with the additional rainfall expected in the next few days that people should plug any basement drains and take off the toilets and plug them also. Joel also suggested that we get an estimate for a check valve. Other suggestions were to have a call list of people that will take turns coming in and helping with the clean up or just helping deal with the problems. The Church also does not have a shop vac or many of the tools needed. We are also waiting for quotes for heat tape from Mueller Electric.

- a. Motion: Joel made a motion that we hire a plumber to come in and plug the drains and the toilets before the rain falls again to proactively prepare for potential problems
 - b. Second: Ashley seconded the motion.
 - c. Action: The motion passed with no opposition.
6. Thank you, gift, for Scott Wendorff. – Teresa remarked that Scott puts in a lot of hours besides on Sundays making sure that the sound System is working the best that it can.
- a. Motion: A motion was made by Teresa to give Scott and check for \$599.00 as a thank you for all his hard work with the sound system and recognize him on Senior Recognition Sunday, May 15, 2022.
 - b. Second: Motion was seconded by Joel.
 - c. Action: Seeing no further discussion, the motion carried
7. Worship and Music – Kennedy asked to use the Worship Instrument funds and some of the Choir funds to purchase a keyboard. He feels this will be easy to transport from upstairs to downstairs. He has also been working on the summer music schedule. He said that there would be a potluck worship meeting next week. He is planning on sending out emails regarding Praise Band.
- G. Church Pulse
1. A survey was set out at the last Wednesday night service and 13 responded they liked worship upstairs and 7 downstairs. Jill asked Lois if she could also send the survey out online.
- H. Pastor Ale led us in the Lord's Prayer to close out the meeting.
- I. Adjournment –
- a. Motion – A motion was made by Teresa to adjourn the meeting.
 - b. Second – Motion was seconded by Joel.
 - c. Action – Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,
Debra Berndt