

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MINUTES

October 2, 2018

CALL TO ORDER: Council President Rebecca Brunetta called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

PRESENT: Pastor Kemp, Bob Errett, Rebecca Brunetta, Joan Orr, Kim von Schlichten, Megan Zobb, Sue Ross, Suzie Flory, Merle Baker

ABSENT: Brandie Saraceni, Jeanne Kiss, Dianna Marusko, Amy Schultz

JOY OF THE DAY – Several joys this month.

OPENING PRAYER

CALL COMMITTEE/BRIAN ERDMAN – Pastor Larry excused himself during the presentation -

-Discussion on the Ministry Site Profile as created by the Call Committee, Council is very appreciative of the hard work of the Call Committee, some grammatical errors corrected.

-Megan Zobb made a motion to accept the Ministry Site Profile. Bob Errett seconded. Motion approved.

-Comments from Brian Erdman about the joy he has taken in his role as chair of the Call Committee.

MINUTES: Joan Orr made a motion to accept the minutes and Suzy Flory seconded. Motion approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Bob Errett made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report and Sue Ross seconded. Motion approved.

PASTOR'S REPORT: September 2018 Report

1. Pastoral acts:
 - a. Funerals/Memorial Services:
 - i. Sue Baker 9-15-18
 - ii. Pam Errett 9-20-18
 - iii. William Kozikowski (non-member) 9-23-18
 - b. Weddings: none
 - c. Baptisms: none
2. Visitation
 - a. General/miscellaneous visits: 10
 - b. Hospital visits: 6
 - c. Bereavement visits: 5
 - d. Extraordinary communions (these are not extra visits): 7
 - e. Office Visits: 7
3. Worship leadership other than Sunday mornings, Wednesday evenings, weddings and funerals: none; note however, Pastor John Smaligo presided at Wednesday night worship on 9-12-18 gratis
4. Activity
 - a. GWOH: Labor Day Cookie Delivery 9-3-18
 - b. Congregation Council: 9-4-18 & 9-23-18
 - c. Fellowship 9-5-18
 - d. Food from the Heart Luncheon: 9-5-18, 9-12-18, 9-19-18, 9-26-18
 - e. Pre-school Blessing of the Back Packs: 9-5-18
 - f. Preschool Chapel Time with the older children: 9-12-18, 9-19-18, 9-26-18
 - g. Preschool Chapel Time with the younger children: 9-13-18, 9-27-18
 - h. Rally Day Luncheon: 9-9-18
 - i. Synod Conference Luncheon: 9-18-18 at Salem, Delmont
 - j. Education & Youth: 9-18-18
 - k. Executive: 9-24-18

1. Property (A & B): 9-26-18
5. For Information/Discussion:
 - a. Members of the Property team have availed themselves to offering a workshop to any group within the congregation on how to conduct a Part B meeting.
 - b. Greensburg Pastors' Pericope Study: I missed all of them again in September.
 - c. CROP walk: 10-7-18
 - d. Thiel College FELC Scholarship recognition banquet
 - e. Animal Blessing: October 13, 2018 at 10a in the Park
 - f. Synod Theological Convocation: 10-15-18 to 10-17-18
 - g. New Assisting Minister/Communion Assistant is going to receive training
 - h. Possible Baptism under unusual circumstances sometime this month
 - i. Worship Attendance & Giving Concerns

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

For Your Information:

1. Budgets are due October 5th – Budget meeting will be last week in October, any council member is welcome at the meeting
2. All changes to team goals and objectives are due at the November Council meeting
3. Congregational Meeting November 4th and 18th to nominate and elect council members
 - a. Members with terms up in December 2018 – Merle Baker, Sue Ross, Suzy Flory, Brandie Saraceni
 - b. Merle Baker is the only member that is not running for another term
 - c. Sue Ross and Suzy Flory will contact people to run for the open position
4. Start thinking about organizations which would benefit from our Outreach Ministry at the end of the year
5. Thank you notes have been received in appreciation of backpack supplies, Labor Day cookies, mosquito net/malaria blanket purchases and a monetary donation to the VA that was used to purchase fruit salad!

For Action: Executive Committee recommends:

1. Approve the use of bathrooms for public use for the Holiday Parade on November 17th. Bob Errett seconded. Motion approved.

ACTIVATION TEAM REPORTS FOR SEPTEMBER:

Christian Ed/Youth Meeting held September 18, 2018

1. Sunday School Openings this year will focus on Fruits of the Spirit along with our Super Hero Theme - different traits and favors for the students each month
2. Discussion about youth participation on Christmas Eve
3. October 21 will be Bible Presentations for preschool, 3rd, 4th and 7th graders
4. Acolyte Training on October 7th
5. Library Updates: Discussion on months for SCS to visit the library, new curtains will be ordered soon, there are many overdue books out that need returned
6. Youth Team is possibly planning an Escape Room outing for older students
7. Adult Bible Study begins October 14th

Property Meeting held September 26, 2018

1. The committee discussed the plastering of the chancel arches and it was decided to wait to make sure the wall is dried out.
2. Merle presented the bid to do the painting of the outside windows. This is planned for next summer.
3. Al talked about the sealing of the parking lot and asked for volunteers to finish power washing and sealing the downstairs parking lot.
4. The 2019 budget was discussed and approved by the committee
5. The Committee discussed the LED lights and we are going to proceed in 2019.

Evangelism Did not meet

Finance Meeting held September 23, 2018

1. Approval for the settlement with Robert Boyle Real Estate.

Social Ministry Meeting held on September 16, 2018

1. Will give 2 scholarships for 2 preschool students for the 1st half of the school year and 2 scholarships for the 2nd half of the school year.
2. The Angel Tree form will need to be distributed to those at the October Food Bank.

Stewardship

Worship and Music

Personnel Did not meet

Fellowship Meeting held September 5, 2018

1. The 2019 Fellowship Calendar was planned.
2. 2019 Fellowship budget discussed and reviewed.
3. Requesting Council's approval to plan a Family Game Night for Friday, November 16. All members would be invited. Board games and other activities would be happening. Additional details to follow.
4. Pastor Larry attended meeting.

Action needed by Council: Approve Family Game Night.

Information Technology Held online meetings

1. Budget preparation and finalization – ready to go.
2. New printer for Patti Sias – needed for budget meeting at end of October. Price = \$150.00 and is within budget. Does not need council approval

Call Committee

1. The Ministry Site Profile (MSP) has been completed

2. The MSP has been passed along to council for their review and approval (some changes have been made).
3. Brian Erdman will attend the council meeting on October 2nd to discuss the MSP and answer any additional questions council may have.
4. We will meet with Pastor Sarah Lee Faulkner on October 23rd to review the MSP and for final approval and submission.
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OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) Bridges Program Follow Up
 - i. More discussion in November
- 2) Red Cross Emergency Shelter Follow Up
 - i. Discussion on having Red Cross assess the building as a possible shelter

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Fellowship Committee will be hosting a family game night on Friday, November 16
- 2) Pictures of Pastor Marleen and Pastor Jerry need to be hung in the hallway

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Suzy Flory and seconded by Merle Baker to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved.

CLOSING PRAYER

Respectfully submitted,

Megan Zobb, Council Secretary