

## Minutes of Meeting **October Church Council Meeting 10-18-22**

The following people were present:

Pastor Lloyd, Pastor Joel, Lori Mikel, Mark Sanstead, Ellen McCullough, Tricia Agen, Shelly Rohr, Rob Judge, Rod Risch, Heidi Lund, Amy Buechler, Joyce Nelson

Devotions: Joyce Nelson

### Church Council & President's Committee Meeting Consent Agenda

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Motion to approve by Shelly. Second by Ellen. Motion carries.

### August 2022 Treasurer's Report: Rob Judge:

- A. Giving: September 2022 was \$60,852 down -7.4% from September 2021 \$65,737  
September 2022 YTD giving was \$675,779 up 3.0% from September 2021 PYTD \$655,898
- B. Attendance: September 2022 attendance was 1,940 up 13.5% from September 2021 at 1,709  
September 2022 YTD 16,308 up 3.8% from September 2021 PYTD 15,703
- C. Income and Expenses: Income for September 2022 was \$60,852 Expenses \$80,713
- D. Total Operating Funds: \$1,477
- E. Total Memorial Savings: \$58,136
- F. Total Designated Savings: \$404,320
- G. Total of all Dedicated Accounts: \$462,456

Rob provided a written Treasurer's report.

Motion to approve the September 2022 Treasurer's report by Ellen. Second by Tricia. Motion carries.

### Business:

1) 150th Anniversary Book/ Pastor Lloyd: Pastor Lloyd reported the PDF version of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Book has been sent out to Council members for review. He said 100 copies would be ordered. Pastor Lloyd spoke about Paula Ruble's participation in the book. He thanked her for all her time and effort. There was a discussion about getting a gift certificate for Paula in appreciation for all her work.

Heidi made a motion to obtain a thank you gift card for Paula Ruble for her participation in the book. The gift card would be \$50.00 and funded from the miscellaneous account. Second by Lori. Motion carries.

2) Round Table Discussions on the Future of OSEL/ Pastor Lloyd: Pastor Lloyd reported the Thursday Men's Group would like to participate in a Round Table on the morning of Thursday, November 3rd, 2022, at 9:00 AM.

Ellen made a motion to: Add a third Round Table meeting on Thursday, November 3rd, at 9:00 AM. Second by Shelly. Motion carries.

Heidi and Shelly will coordinate desserts for the Round Table. There was also discussion of the possibility of a youth Round Table, with appropriate topics. The current dates of the Round Table meetings are as follows: Thursday, November 3rd, 2022, at 9:00 AM, rolls provided; Thursday, November 14th, 2022, at 5:30 PM, meal provided; and Sunday, November 20th, 2022, meal provided.

3) Homelessness Forum/ Pastor Joel: Pastor Joel reported that Amy Sutton, Executive Director, Hastings Family Services, had requested the use of OSEL to host a forum on homelessness in Hastings on either November 15th, 16th, or 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. There was discussion about numerous conflicts at OSEL for the requested dates.

Heidi made a motion to: Host the Forum on November 17th. Second by Amy. Those in favor were: Pastor Lloyd, Rod, Heidi, Ellen, and Amy. Those opposed were: Mark, Shelly, Lori, Rob, and Tricia. Abstaining was Pastor Joel. Motion failed.

4) Solar Garden/ Mark: Mark reported on the solar garden proposal. He said Nobel Energy reported the energy savings would be about 10 percent. Mark said if OSEL participated in the program there would be no fees, no contract and no time commitment. Mark said he has not received a proposal yet. Mark said he would pass on the information to the Council when received for review. Tom is looking at solar panels for our building from another company. The Solar Garden topic was tabled until next month.

5) Funerals/ Joyce: Joyce reported Chef Johnny asked about the options of doing funeral luncheons as an option to family members instead of outside catering from other vendors. Options talked about were for Chef Johnny to be an outside contractor or an employee of OSEL. Joyce said she would look into the options with Chef Johnny.

6) Preliminary Budget Target/ Joyce: Joyce reported the budget is preliminary now but will be narrowed down by December.

Shelly made a motion to set a cap at \$1.2 million for the 2023 budget. Second by Heidi. Motion carries.

#### Informational Updates:

1) Bathroom Update/ Joyce: Joyce reported a bid came in at \$37,000 from Stotko Construction for the remodel of two bathrooms. Joyce said two other contractors declined to put in a bid. Pastor Joel said the Stotko Construction bid could be modified. Joyce said other contractors would be considered.

2) Realm Software/ Joyce: Joyce spoke about a request from Ann for council members to access our church software. Congregation members can access the software and set up their personal information and limit access for other users of their personal information. The software is being rolled out to small groups first before opening it to the full congregation. Council members will be receiving an email invitation.

3) Diane Pearson Retirement Letter/ Lloyd: Lloyd reported receiving a retirement letter from Diane Pearson. The Council acknowledged the request. There was a discussion on creating a task force for music needs.

Ellen made a motion to authorize forming a task force to look into the music needs. Second by Rob. Motion carries.

4) Sunday Morning "Host" Teams/ Pastor Joel: Pastor Joel provided a handout, "Sunday Morning "Host" Teams: Why, What, When, Who, & Why." Pastor Joel's handout addressed the need for teams to be created to assist with worship activities such as coffee and treats and assisting worshipers and visitors. Volunteers would be needed to join a Host Team. The time would be before, during and after Sunday services with occasional special services. Pastor Joel said the plan would be not to have persons sign up individually for specific tasks but to have persons signing up to be on a Host Team. Pastor Joel said a Host Team would have a captain. The captain would organize and communicate with their team. The Host Teams would be included on a rotation and scheduled for the coming months. Pastor Joel said Host Teams would be scheduled for the 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM worship services. At the 9:00 AM service the Host Team would be scheduled from 8:45 AM to 10:15 AM. At the 10:30 AM service the Host Team would be scheduled from 10:15 AM to 11:15 AM. Pastor Joel said the 8:00 AM service needs would be continued in an ad hoc arrangement until needs have been determined as to tasks needed to be filled. Pastor Joel said with this plan there would not be anyone staffing the Information Center. Information sheets, pamphlets, etc., would still be available. Host Team members could

respond to questions. There would also be request cards available to be filled out to be left in a basket. Staff will answer the questions on Monday.

Staff Updates:

- 1) Building and Grounds Update-Tom Walt: Tom provided a written report to the council.
- 2) CYF Update-Amy Hanson: Amy provided a written report to the council.
- 3) Outreach Update/Community Involvement-Theresa Chatelle: Theresa provided a written report to the council.
- 4) Parish Nurse Update-Sherri Lohmann: Sherri provided a written report to the council.

Pastor's Reports- Pastor Lloyd/ Pastor Joel: Pastor Lloyd and Pastor Joel provided written reports.

Prayers and Celebrations/Pastor Joel:

Motion to Adjourn @ 8:31 PM by Shelly. Second by Rob. Motion carries.

Submitted electronically on 11/06/22 by Rod Risch, Secretary

Addendum to OSEL October, 2022 Church Council Minutes

On 11-08-22 Joyce sent out an email regarding information that Janet Martin and Marie Smead are proposing a Woman's Dinner on December 8th, 2022 to be held at OSEL. Chef Johnny would be doing the cooking, using recipes from old OSEL cookbooks. Johnny will come up with an estimate as to the food costs. They would like to come up with a suggested donation amount. Any monies raised over the cost to cover the expenses would go to youth programs. Joyce recommended having donations so there are no IRS tax consequences. They are expecting about 100 attendees. They will have a sign up/pay up front so they can estimate numbers. Since this would be a youth fundraiser Joyce said the proposal would need council approval. If approved, they will get started right away and do a temple talk next week.

Lori made a motion to accept the Women's Group Christmas Dinner proposal. Second by Rob. Motion carries.

Electronically submitted on 11-13-22

By Rod Risch, Secretary