

Decorah Lutheran Church
Church Council Minutes
November 12, 2019

Members Present: Interim Admin. Rev. Jim Glesne, Dave Sacquitne, Tamie Onsager, Scott Nordschow, Julie Askelson, Rebecca Swella-Smedsrud, Jim Sims, Ward Budweg, Dennis Young, Dennis Wohlfeil, Connie Kuennen, Tim Wilson, Andrea Wilson, Danielle Askelson, Jeremy Thompson, Deb Myhre, Matt Burkey, Rick Twedt, Randy Iverson, Ted Wilson, Deb Myhre, Susanne Twedt,

Members Excused: Cortney Holm, Gregg Pattison

Call to Order: Dave Sacquitne

Devotions: Pastor Jim Glesne/ Mission Outreach, Reading from Thessalonians, Letter from Paul

Review of Agenda: Motion to accept the agenda with the addition of letter “d” by Tamie Onsager, 2nd by Rebecca S-Smedsrud; Carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to accept minutes with corrections, 2nd by Rick Twedt; Carried.

Treasurer’s Report: Mary Fitch reports that the previous month was a typical month regarding income/expenses; slightly ahead in giving for the year.

Visitor Recognition & Communications: None noted.

Committee reports:

Education - Attendance 1st 124 2nd 93 3rd 87 4th 102; Stewardship Voting Results: Kids Lunch Club and Northeast Iowa Humane Society. Aase Haugen Home visits by Sunday School Students going well. Christmas Program Dec 8th 1st-6th grade practice on Wed, 15th Pre thru K Birthday party for Jesus in Social hall after short program parents being asked to bring cupcakes and juice to be provided. Martin Luther’s visit this Sunday – by Mr. Beckman at worship for children’s sermons and Sunday School music & classes. Blessing of Shoe Boxes this Sunday the 17th delivery to Stone Ridge Church on the 19th. 5th & 6th grade students will put together Personal care kits for LWR after Thanksgiving. (\$250 Grant from Thrivent to purchase supplies for kits). Confirmation update – 26 students confirmed on November 3rd – 8th & 9th going well Randy and the guides are doing great work for this. Continue to work on Education calendar. Copies distributed to all committee members. Vacation Bible School Motion by Connie and second by Teresa to schedule outside camp again during week of Nordic Fest. Discussed lake side organization from Okoboji for this year. Preschool program included and 7th grade will go to Wellington again. Adult Forums this weekend the education, worship and stewardship committees will present information on each committee functions.

Youth – Youth Director, Jeff Rodman, begins 11/13/19 on a part-time basis; need a letter to request changes to bank account, removing Randi-Kate Canoy and adding Kirstie Bower.

Motion by Danielle Askelson, to remove Randi-Kate Canoy from Youth Committee bank accounts at Decorah Bank & Trust and confirm Kirstie Bower and add Andrea Wilson to Youth Committee bank accounts at DB & T, 2nd by Ward Budweg; Motion carried.

Stewardship- “Reverse” Advent Calendar presented by Rebecca Swella-Smedsrud and noted that Tamie Onsager would be responsible for details and implementing the project; Kaden’s Kloset was the last recipient of Noisy Offering, NEIA food Pantry is the next recipient.

Worship – Christmas Eve Services will be at 3:00, 5:00, & 7:00 PM with communion, Christmas Day Service will be at 9:00 AM with no communion; discussion of securing Supply Pastors and looking to SE Minnesota for available pastors; suggestion to remove a pew in the middle of the sanctuary for more handicap seating, Property & Management will discuss the matter.

Evangelism- New members Darron & Sue Sander this month; in Jan there will be a food packet project; Angel Tree will be displayed by Sun 11/17/19, planning the next congregational meal; yearly calendar has been completed; Welcome signs for narthex and above doors is approximately \$1,000.00 from Letterwerks.

Property & Mgmt- Approved rentals in Dec; Checking into bell tower painting and fixing the exterior door to the Youth Room; welcome the new custodian Darron Sander.

Pastors' Report- Twenty-six youth were confirmed; Randy Iverson is teaching 8th & 9th grades confirmation; request to better inform DLC office Staff of committee activities, improve committee communication; will reach out to Pastor Bill White regarding a mission project.

Mutual Ministry: None noted.

Personnel Committee: None noted.

Call Committee: Met with Pastor Brackett of NEIS Synod on 10/23/2019; received 3 pastoral profiles from the Synod & 6 names have been submitted; Call Committee asked the Synod to research the 6 submitted names; interviews being scheduled.

Old Business: None noted.

New Business:

- a) Future plans regarding Interim Administrator, no action to date.
- b) Reminder to have Committee year-end reports to office by 12/31/2019
- c) Council serves coffee on Dec 29th, Volunteers needed.
- d) Motion to approve Ward Budweg as Renee Lillibridge's replacement on Worship Committee by Dennis Young, 2nd by Andrea Wilson; Carried.

Other Discussion: Comment by Chris Storlie regarding the latency of replacing Interim Administrator, more advance strategic planning is needed. Chris posed the question, "Whose responsibility is it to decide on securing another Interim Administrator?" Decided through discussion and according to the roles and responsibilities of Executive Committee in accordance with the DLC Constitution, Executive Committee is responsible for replacing the Interim Administrator position.

New Members: Darron & Sue Sander, Motion to welcome Darron & Sue by Randy Iverson, 2nd by Rebecca Swella-Smedsrud; Carried

Transfers In: none

Remove from Membership: none

Transfers Out: Ron & Helen Snell transfer to First Lutheran Church, Decorah; Motion to accept the Snells transfer out by Randy Iverson, 2nd by Rebecca Swella-Smedsrud; Carried

Next Executive Mtg: Tuesday, December 3, 2019 @ 6:30 PM in Bonhoeffer Room.

Next Council Mtg: Tuesday, December 10, 2019 @ 7:45 PM in Fellowship Room, committees at scheduled times.

Motion to adjourn: Motion by Rebecca Swella-Smedsrud, 2nd by Jim Sims; Carried.

Closed with Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Askelson
Council Secretary