

**Decorah Lutheran Church
Church Council Minutes
March 12, 2019**

Members Present: Interim Admin. Rev. Jim Glesne, Dave Sacquitne, Tamie Onsager, Scott Nordschow, Julie Askelson, Rebecca Swella-Smedsrud, Jim Sims, Susanne Twedt, Rick Twedt, Renee Lillibridge, Gregg Pattison, Dennis Young, Dennis Wohlfeil, Connie Kuennen, Jeremy Thompson, Deb Myhre, Randy Iverson, Danielle Askelson, Matt Burkey, Ron Stoskopf

Members Absent: Ted Wilson, Tim Wilson, Andrea Wilson, Cortney Holm, Richard Cole

Call to Order: Dave Sacquitne

Devotions: Pastor Jim Glesne

Review of Agenda: Motion to approve with additions by Danielle Askelson; 2nd by Sue Twedt; Carried.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve minutes by Tamie Onsager, 2nd by Rebecca Smedsrud; Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Mary Fitch shared that DLC's cash flow was doing "OK" despite missing a Sunday in February, better than last year because expenses are down payroll is less.

Visitor Recognition & Communications: Chris Storlie, Jane Hildebrand, Jim Gilbert

Committee reports:

Education – Teacher Appreciation April 7; Palms ordered for palm Sunday; Mugs ordered for 12th grade students; 9-12th grades are not participating in 40 days of Prayer-discussed option of 6:30 on Wed evenings; Confirmation guides have been keeping track of attendance and sermon notes; Need one additional Education committee member; VBS – July 21-24 with Sugar Creek Bible Camp bringing staff to do VBS, Funds are available for the program through Bible School funds. Staff of Sugar Creek will need housing. Baccalaureate on May 19 at 10:45 service; 5th grade 1st Communion class begins on April 24, May 1st and May 8th with First Communion on May 12 at 10:45 service.

Youth - Lenten suppers have been coordinated; volunteers needed for Wednesday after school programming; planning a pancake breakfast for Easter Sunday; youth are putting together the Easter Sunrise Service and will be a mix of middle and high school students; dirty Feet Retreat at EWALU is weekend of April 5th; seeking volunteers for Children's Sermons; trying to make sure events have the faith-based piece; Luce-Bergeson scholarship forms are due soon.

Stewardship- Vanco letters of discontinuing the service sent out to the members using that service; next Noisy Offering will go to Water to Thrive, a mission Decorah Middle School students are involved; the following Noisy Offering will go toward VBS for program costs.

Worship - Jane Hildebrand from the music ministry committee observed at our meeting and shared information from her visits to other churches. Work is continuing to reach out to supply pastors for the summer months. Interviews for the Lenten services have all been scheduled. Plans are being made for Holy week. There will be a Cantata being performed on Good Friday at 7 p.m. Renee will get advertisements in the paper and radio inviting people from the community to participate in the Cantata. Baccalaureate will be on May 19th at 10:45 and 1st Communion will be May 12th AT 10:45. Music Sunday is May 12th at 8:30. The committee did some brainstorming on some goals for the coming year.

Evangelism- Evaluating new members program; revisiting the brochure; need to remind office of large print bulletins.

Property & Mgmt- Kitchen stove has been replaced; a down payment to Vick's Plumbing was for heat/air conditioning units; wallpaper project is in place; looking into funds to update the Nursery.

Pastors' /Interim Admin Report- 40 Days of Prayer is going well, over 100 people involved; working on home communions.

Old Business: Community Meals will begin in April.

New Business:

1. Council dates for serving coffee: 3/31 – Twedts, D. Young, D. Sacquitne, 6/30 – open, 9/29 – Youth committee, 12/29 – open
2. Miss Committee/council Meetings; please call Church office for excused absence
3. Need to fill Staffing Task Force to determine needs of DLC and Mission Ministry Task Force to review DLC Constitution – what needs to be done and who is accountable to complete the tasks? Both committees are temporary fact-finding committees.
4. Information gathering; seek information to educate the congregation about Lutheran affiliations
 - a. ***Motion to invite representatives of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA), Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC) and North American Lutheran Church (NALC) by Danielle Askelson, 2nd by Deb Myhre; 18 voting Council members with 15 ayes and 3 abstentions; Motion carried.***
5. Goal of establishing the committee on the Call Process after being educated by the Lutheran affiliations.
6. Mutual Ministry Review, shared the listening post information is reviewed and suggestions are made to Council and committees;
 - a. Next Listening Post is April 28 between services.
 - b. 6th member of Mutual Ministry will be Lori Ostlie
 - c. Based on 4 Goals recommended to Council...Is Council making progress?
 - i. Communication – need to present about committees in Adult forum
 - ii. Responsibilities – continue work on Leadership manual; each committee needs to review
 - iii. Vision – consider Council size? Empower committees.
 - iv. Constitution – update/review to current practices of DLC

Other Discussion: None noted.

New Members: none

Transfers In: none

Remove from Membership: none

Transfers Out: none

Next Executive Mtg: Tuesday, April 2, 2019 @6:30 PM

Next Council Mtg: Tuesday, April 9, 2019 @7:45 PM/Committees at designated times.

Motion to adjourn: Motion by Rebecca Smedsrud, 2nd by Randy Iverson; Carried.

Closed with Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Askelson

Council Secretary