

Decorah Lutheran Church

September 10, 2019

Church Council Minutes

Members Present: Interim Admin. Rev. Jim Glesne, Dave Sacquitne, Tamie Onsager, Scott Nordschow, Julie Askelson, Dennis Wohlfeil, Connie Kuennen, Jeremy Thompson, Deb Myhre, Matt Burkey, Susanne Twedt, Gregg Pattison, Richard Cole, Treasurer Mary Fitch, Ted Wilson, Tim Wilson, Andrea Wilson, Rebecca Swella-Smedsrud, Cortney Holm

Members Excused: Jim Sims, Randy Iverson, Danielle Askelson

Call to Order: Dave Sacquitne

Devotions: Pastor Jim Glesne

Review of Agenda: Motion by Tamie Onsager, 2nd by Connie Kuennen to approve agenda; Carried.

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

Treasurer's Report: Mary shared that August was a typical month in regards to expenses. Reminder of expenses would increase with Sr pastor position.

Visitor Recognition & Communications: Handout provided for accurate clarification of similarities between ELCA, NALC, LCMC and issues of concerns about ELCA raised by DLC members and members of other congregations.

Committee reports:

Education – Rally Sunday Review: Over all comment's things went well. Discussed having popcorn for treats next year, having coffee hour outside had people volunteering for next year, having police, sheriff and fire department on site was well received. Need to secure new face paint for next year as well. Term I Teachers – need an 8th grade teacher, contacted prospective candidate to assist with 2nd grade as well. Confirmation Guides positions covered; Randy Iverson will teach confirmation this year. Cortney Holm will be there 1st semester only. 8th & 9th Grade guides: Amy Rolfs, Jim burns, Michele Duwe, John Holm. 10th Grade confirmation – Pastor Glesne will teach with assistants of Lori Ostlie and Kris Franzen – Confirmation will be November 3rd at 10:45. Bibles to 3rd Graders – September 29 – both services – Jeremy will read names 1st service. Dennis will read names at second service. Ways to encourage students to wear t-shirts/ 1st Sunday of each month - Sunday School kids will be asked to wear their t-shirts. Adult forum calendar discussed thanks to Jeremy for his efforts, filling the November time slots. Discussed preparing for Martin Luther's birthday, Dean Beckman will participate this year.

Youth – R-K Canoy's last day was Sept 1; youth programming will continue with volunteers; Brigit Storhoff will lead a Bible Study for youth; seeking volunteers for making Wed popcorn; 4-5 candidates are being considered for interviews for Youth Director.

Stewardship- Calling Run Sunday captains; Packet volunteers are being sought for putting packets together; last Noisy Offering went to Kaden's Kloset next offering to local food pantry

Worship – September 22 is Kathy Murray's last day and there will be a transition to newly hired organist, Daryl Hansmeier; a farewell coffee will be held for Kathy on the 22nd; plans for a temple talk; finishing yearly calendar.

Evangelism- Bids for signs in the church are being explored; Date Night scheduled in November with daycare; God Squad is making home communion visits; planning a congregational supper 9/29?; looking into unifying activities, mission trip, food/meal packaging, flood buckets, Backpack program.

Property & Mgmt- Received a rental of \$200.00 and a thank you from Decorah Chorale; approved 2 rentals; 2020 budget discussion; talked about Kathy Murray retirement; checking schedule for bell tower painting; approved technology needs of social hall, looking into roof repair through Church Mutual Insurance.

Pastors' Report- None

Mutual Ministry – Listening Post on Sunday, September 15, 2019.

Personnel Committee – Reminder that Committees are responsible for employee reviews.

Call Committee – Working on Church Profile.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- a. Recommendation to stay with ELCA; Motion to vote by Tim Wilson, 2nd by Deb Myhre; Motion carried; Ballot vote taken; results were...Yes – 13, No – 4; noting 3 members were absent.
- b. Gift in recognition of Kathy Murray's dedication to DLC; plaque and monetary bonus.

Other Discussion: None noted.

New Members: none

Transfers In: none

Remove from Membership: none

Transfers Out: none

Next Executive Mtg: October 1, 2019@6:30 Bonhoeffer Room

Next Council Mtg: October 8, 2019@7:45 Fellowship Room; Committees at typical times

Motion to adjourn: By Tamie Onsager, 2nd Tim Wilson; Carried.

Closed with Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Askelson

Council Secretary