

Decorah Lutheran Church

Church Council Minutes

January 9, 2018

Members Present: Pastor Brenda Crossfield, Ted Wilson, Jake Hildebrand, Scott Nordschow, Nancy Spilde, Dave Sacquitne, Julie Askelson, Richard Cole, Cheryl Frye, Ward Budweg, Renee Lillibridge, Diane Gossman, Jean Anfinson, Tom Little, Dennis Wohlfeil, Tim Wilson, Andrea Wilson, Mary Fitch

Members Excused: Randy Iverson, Rick Twedt, Susanne Twedt, Steve Johnson, Pastor Dave Sorenson

Members Absent: Andrew Sorenson, Kent Kleckner, Mark Kvammen

Call to Order: Ted Wilson

Devotions: Ted Wilson

Review of Agenda: Motion to approve agenda by Richard Cole, 2nd by Dave Sacquitne; Carried

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve minutes by Jake Hildebrand, 2nd by Tim Wilson; Carried

Treasurer's Report: Mary Fitch reported that by the end of the year DLC was 'in the black'. Motion to approve the financial report by Ward Budweg, 2nd by Tim Wilson; Carried

Presentation of the 2018 proposed budget: Motion to approve the \$489, 576.00 2018 budget by Ward Budweg, 2nd by Andrea Wilson; Carried unanimously

Visitor Recognition & Communications: None

Committee reports:

Education - Attendance; Dec 1st 101 - 2nd 111 - 3rd 98; DLC Food Pantry and School snack money receive about \$150.00 each and \$250.00 for curriculum. Education Committee: Discussed names for the nominating committee to fill vacancies on the education committee. One needed for council and two for non-council. Potentials are Peggy Rovang, Dennis Young, Amy Schwartz, and Amber Post for non-council seats. Jeromy Thompson, Adam Riley, Jessica Riley for council seats. Teacher appreciation event decided to have breakfast treats in Sunday school office on April 15th. Leadership book: Continuing work on teaching section. Annual Report completed and submitted by Becca Brynsaas. (Thanks Becca for a job well done). Voted on having Palms available for Palm Sunday. 1st By Teresa Dehning 2nd by Tina Onsager motion carried.

Youth – Middle school/family tubing trip: Bruce Mound in Neilsville, WI. Awaiting final bus cost from Hawkeye. Will be Sunday, Feb. 18 or 25. Discussed meal possibility and cost.

Houston 2018: Next prep meeting is Wednesday, Jan. 10

Youth Ministry Network Extravaganza in Houston end of January: Todd will attend, continuing ed. and prep for youth gathering. New membership for network approved.

New Committee members discussed: Todd will follow up. Thank you to Kent Kleckner and Marissa Nordschow for their years of service and support of our youth!

Stewardship- Shared a brief overview of annual report; working on a visual of our membership, rural and town to see if you are a neighbor and didn't know it; would like to make estate planning or long term financial planning a goal for next year.

Worship - Review of Worship Committee Assignments; Renee spoke with Katherine and she will complete assigning the Greeters; Sue Boehm is assigning the Communion Assistants and will be done this week; Ushers have been assigned. There was discussion regarding holding an Usher meeting but nothing was finalized; Lori will consider having refresher training for inexperienced acolytes in the near future. Youth Choir Update; Kathryn has agreed to try expanding the youth choir to K-6; Kathryn's pay increase has been finalized; Kathryn has reached out to possible choir members via email but has not

heard back; Also the expansion of the choir was announced in the Spirit and bulletin. Leadership Handbook Update; Renee presented Pastor's changes for the Worship Committee section of the Leadership Handbook based on our review in December. Worship Committee has approved of the changes; It was decided to address items identified while reviewing the Worship Committee's roles and responsibilities at a later time; Breakfast has been finalized to be held in the fall rather than the spring due to early lent season which will include many soup suppers; Energize DLC Worship Services • Worship Committee shared with Pastor Brenda various ideas our committee has regarding our worship services; Pastor Brenda will review with Pastor Dave our ideas and report back to the Worship Committee. • Other Items; Pastor Brenda brought up the need for a designated group to oversee the busy bags and kids bulletins. Pastor Brenda is going to suggest Education Committee oversee this task with the assistance of volunteers that Pat could direct; Katheryn will report at our February meeting. • Thank you to Ward and Bonnie for their service to the church.

Evangelism- Continued discussion of Leadership Handbook, Church Directory; Thanks Jean Anfinson and Barb Johnson for your service; Talked about a new devotional book, *Jesus is Calling* by Sarah Young.

Property & Mgmt- There were 3 rentals approved; custodial concerns were discussed, contact has been made with Jim Sims to check into updating some technical equipment in Fellowship Rm and Social Hall; approved increase for the K-6 music position; finished the budget for presentation.

Pastors' Report- Pastor Dave absent, attending EWALU Retreat; Pastor Brenda shared that Christmas services went well; Feb 7th will be Con-Fest(Confirmation Gathering of over 100 people at DLC; plans continue for the Houston Youth Gathering.

Old Business: Diane Gossman provided an update from nominating committee; new names and Pastor Dave held the official ballot; follow up to reducing the size of Council, little discussion, no decision, important to follow the proper protocol from start to finish. Pastor Brenda gave update on emailing, *The Spirit* in "chunks" on a weekly basis

New Business: Identification of Ministry Review Team Members (3 from Council, 3 from Pastors); names to be submitted and approved by Council; Motion by Renee Lillibridge to establish a Ministry Review Team, 2nd by Tom Little; Carried

Other Discussion: None

New Members: None

Transfers In: Joel and Deb Timmerman; Motion to accept transfer by Tom Little, 2nd by Renee Lillibridge; Carried

Remove from Membership: None

Transfers Out: Kirk, Kerry, Annalise, Ashley and Alexandra Johnson; Motion to accept transfer out by Ward Budweg, 2nd by Jake Hildebrand; Carried.

Next Executive Mtg: Tuesday Feb 6, 2018

Next Council Mtg: Tuesday Feb 13, 2018

committees@6:30/7:00; Council@7:45

Motion to adjourn: Motion by Dave Sacquitne, 2nd by Tim Wilson; Carried

Closed with Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Askelson
Council Secretary