

Chisago Lake Evangelical Lutheran Church

Church Council Minutes

June 20th, 2017

Members Present: Sue Abrahamson, Pastor Craig, Anna Burch, Chris Ruser, Pastor Barb, Janie Briggs, Melissa Rambow, Dave Reed

Members Absent: Heith Glenna and Ron Carlson

Pastor Craig presented a devotion regarding listening to God.

Check in: Highs and lows of the council members

Business:

Approval of agenda: Janie Briggs asked that council discuss holding a Schwan's Fundraiser. Sue Abrahamson asked that we add the audit report. Anna Burch moves to second the agenda as amended.. Sue Abrahamson seconds. All in favor. Motion carries.

Approval of minutes: Pastor Joe Lees from the Synod came to the May council to talk about the procedure and policy guidelines from the Synod in regards to the timeline and search for a new interim and pastor. Due to a lack of a quorum, no formal notes were taken in May.

Treasurer's Report

- We are around \$15,000 behind for this year. Last year at this time we were \$28,000 behind.

Pastor's Report

- This was the last council meeting for the pastors.

Committee/Task Force Reports

- Grant Committee
 - CLLC has started another matching grant application.
- Property Committee
 - Islands in parking lot need to be addressed
 - Council discussed having a work day to address the islands
 - The pastors will send a list of things in the parsonage of things that may need addressing and/or should be noted.
 - Property noted attention needs to be paid to de-watering. There was leaking into the boiler room this June.
 - The front entrance/sidewalks that shift during the winter are a hazard and have shifted this spring as well.
 - The city is working on the bids for the upper parking lot
 - CLLC will work with the city when they obtain bids as a cost-saving measure for us.
 - CLLC may need to hire a separate company to do the parking lot lines once the tarring is complete

Old Business

- Boiler bids
 - Four bids came in ranging from 13,400 to 17,000

- There was a recommendation for property to go with the bid from Scandia Heating as it was the lowest and Scandia Heating is familiar with our system
- Chris Ruser moves CLLC accepts the property committee's recommendation to accept the bid from Scandia Heating. Anna Birch seconds. All in favor. Motion passes
- Sealcoating bids for the lower parking lot
 - Bids were accepted for the following scope of work: clean the lot, fill the cracks, fix the small sink-hole, seal the lot, and re-line the lot
 - Three bids were accepted which ranged from \$5,160-\$6,800. Property recommends to go with SealTECH as they were the lowest bid, and they are a local company.
 - Question was raised: Will SealTECH guarantee the fixing of the sinkhole
 - Pastor Barb recommends that we accept property's recommendation to accept the bid from SealTECH. Chris Ruser seconds. All in favor. Motion passes
 - The parking lines will be repainted after the sealing. CLLC will follow state guidelines for handicap spots.
- Flat Roof Repair/Sloped Roof
 - Dave Reed will head a committee to do the repairs as recommended to get us through for one more year on the flat roof. During this time, council will contact property to see about next steps for roof replacement (either another flat roof or possible steeped roof).
- Anna Birch moves that the boiler and sealcoating be paid for by the building addition funds that were re-designated to go to capital outlay. Pastor Barb seconds. All in favor. Motion passes
- Designated Accounts for Building Fund
 - Members who gave to the building fund were asked to designate if they would like their money back or re-designate their funds elsewhere
 - \$2,000 was re-designated to the piano fund
 - \$5,800 was designated to go to the general fund
 - \$30,000 was from Carlson Donation. Chris Ruser motions to move these funds from building addition to capital improvements. Janie Briggs seconds. All in favor. Motion carries
 - Approximately \$15,000 remains in the building addition fund for a future addition as per members wishes
- 500th Anniversary Committee:
 - Plans for a catered lunch by Deutchland Meats are being made for Reformation Sunday with possible other events

New Business

- Historical Committee: ArkivDigital AB
 - Mark Wikelius presented on behalf of the historical committee.
 - The historical committee entertained a request from ArkivDigital AB (based in Lyrestad, Sweden) in partnership with Pesa Associates, LLC (here in MN). They create a database of digital records for churches all across the world. With these databases, they are in the business of helping families trace their genealogies.
 - The database would include any records that can be copied: annual reports, committee reports, financial records, cemetery deeds, records of baptism and weddings, etc...
 - The historical committee met with reps from the company (one from Sweden and one from Maple Grove).
 - The historical committee is recommending that CLLC allows this company to create a database of our records. The benefits would be
 - CLLC would get a digital record (jpeg) of all the copies they made.

- ArkivDigital would give a subscription to CLLC for five years (about @200 per year). This subscription would allow any church member to trace genealogies through the churches worldwide that ArkivDigital has databased.
 - Databasing would allow CLLC to share our information and history
 - The only downfall: CLLC would not be able to sell our own information/compete with ArkivDigital as long as they are in business
 - A church in Almelund did this and a member of the CLLC Historical Committee contacted them. Almelund was pleased with the process.
 - The contract with ArkivDigital would not be signed until all the documents were photographed. Members of the historical committee would be present during the time of photographing to ensure fidelity and preservation/organization.
 - Anna Burch moves that based on the recommendation of the historical committee, CLLC gives permission to ArkivDigital. Chris Ruser seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.
 - Mark Wikelius will follow up on this.
- New Carillon/training Thursday afternoon 6/22
 - Money was donated for a new carillon.
 - Sue Leaf said she would do training and be in charge of changing the music from season to season
- Ministry Exploration Team
 - Council met with Joe Lees from the Synod on the call process
 - We need to appoint a ministry exploration team:
 - To explore a vision for our congregation going forward. This is not the call committee. The interim will help this committee. The committee will get a ministry profile of the church which will get sent to ministerial candidates.
 - CLLC needs 8-10 people on this committee
 - This committee will also collect data and statistics of the county, (Anna Burch volunteers to collect this data for the synod and church)
- Executive committee will be interviewing interim pastors.
- Janie Briggs moves that we extend the pastors official retirement date to July 29 and grant them an unpaid leave beginning July 16th, so they may participate in the Center City Days and community recognition for them at the pig roast. Chris Ruser seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.
- Schwans' Fundraiser
 - It has been one year since the last Schwans' Fundraiser and CLLC is eligible to do another.
 - Janie Briggs will be contact
 - Melissa Rambow motions that money from the fundraiser go to the new boiler. Dave Reed seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.
- Audit Report
 - CLLC does have proper segregation
 - Chris Ruser moves we accept the audit report as written. Dave Reed seconds. All in favor. Motion passes

Parting Thoughts

Retirement Celebration is this Sunday

Closing Prayer/Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,
Janie Briggs, Secretary