

Chisago Lake Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Church Council Meeting  
October 17, 2017

Meeting called to order by Sue Abrahamson at 7:09 pm.

Opening Prayer/Evening Meditation: Devotions by Dave Reed--Growing in Christ

Members Present: Dave Reed, Pastor Steve, Janie Briggs, Sue Abrahamson, Chris Ruser

Members Absent: Heith Glenna, Melissa Rambow, Anna Burch

Check In: Faith Five: Ups and Downs

Learning Time: Shared Ministry

- Sue Abrahamson, Joe Leeds (from Synod), Pastor Steve, and interim pastor from Zion met to discuss possibilities of shared ministry
- Joe shared a PowerPoint which highlighted that the ministry of the church is not just the ministry of your church, but is a shared ministry
- Possibilities for shared ministry: Vacation Bible School, other youth opportunities
- This is NOT the first step of a merger--we are just exploring ways to better minister
- This group will meet again in November

Approval of the Agenda: Dave Reed moved to approve the agenda. Chris Ruser seconded. All in favor. The agenda was approved as written.

Approval of Minutes: Dave Reed was recorded as absent at the September, but he was present. Chris Ruser motions to pass the September Council Minutes as amended. Sue Abrahamson seconds. All in favor. The minutes stand as amended.

Treasurer's Report:

We currently have a deficit of \$24, 427.

Pastor's Report:

- Pastor Steve led a conversation around the playground. There have been some Sundays with commotion Sundays
- The office needs more signers for checks. Chris Ruser volunteered to be a check signer
- The farewell to Nick went well. An exit interview will take place the week of October 15th.
- The song books will be re-established with scores for those that like to read music. There will be no more blended worship. On "formal" Lutheran Sundays (such as Reformation Sunday) the second service will be traditional.
- Pastor Steve will participate in some continuing education in January
- Pastor Steve will be off for a weekend in February.

Committee Reports

- Youth
  - Stacy is in process of planning a youth mission trip to Houston which will help kids in trauma due to the hurricane. Youth is hoping to tie in congregation support. Possibly through the creation of tie blankets.
  - KAT is going well.
  - 6th graders are doing a retreat at CLLC overnight.
  - Confirmation is going well.

Old Business

- Door Hardware: Outer doors are not locking properly. A temporary fix was applied.
  - Four bids were received for hardware on the outer doors
  - Bids ranged in price due to material used for hardware (nickel, brass, etc...)
  - Council felt it important to act on this as the doors are not locking properly
  - Sue Abrahamson motions we accept the Chris Clasen bid for \$3,534.00 to have new hardware and locks installed
    - Chris Ruser seconds
    - Council asks that 3M uses their discretion as to which source the funding for this comes from.

- All in favor motion passes
- Upper Parking Lot Payment Approval
  - The original bid was for 48,000 plus extra time and materials which were unknown due to what contractor would find under parking lot (old foundation). Bluhm Construction gave a ballpark for \$57,000 for the extra time and materials.
  - During the construction, Bluhm Construction found an old cistern, in addition to the old foundation which needed to be removed.
  - The total bill paving was \$55,300. This included the extra time and materials for removal of cistern and foundation as well as \$300 for a special type of oil which was put between pavement layers. Property members checked in during the construction process and felt the process was handled well.
  - Pastor Steve moves to approve the final bill of \$55,300. Dave Reed seconds. Motion passes
  - 3M has already designated this money.
- Lower Parking Lot Island Removal
  - Islands were removed in an effort to preserve lower parking lot
  - Bill came to \$5,480 for removal, but that is not including a restriping fee. The original bid was for \$5,355, \$125 was added on for wet soil conditions.
  - Chris Ruser moves to approve funding. Sue Abrahamson seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.
- Scandia Heating came to clean the boiler in the parsonage. They made a recommendation to keep the parsonage at 55 degrees rather than draining everything.
  - Scandia Heating examined the vent fan in the kitchen and found it to be rusted and broken which causes the fan to hit the sides. Scandia will put in bid to fix. It was \$30 for the service diagnosis.
- Snowplowing Bid Approval
  - CLLC received 2 bids
  - Bids were per push
  - Property recommended to take the low bid of \$190 per push from TA Schmidt and Sons Excavating (we used them last year and had no remembrance of complaints) Sue Abrahamson moves to take the recommendation of property. Chris Ruser seconds. All in favor. Motion carries
- Flat Roof Repair
  - Property was in contact with Central Roofing concerning the maintenance of the flat roof.
- Building Use
  - There are about 17 nonprofit groups that use our church outside of congregation members. Some give gifts, some don't., All are respectful of the property. The idea was floated that if there is a custodial need, we will ask them to pay for the custodian. All non-profit groups are welcome to use our church.

#### New Business

- There has been a request to paint youth room and lower level hallway. Youth would self-finance this project. Council likes the general idea of this, but requests more information on this project
- CLLC is seeking volunteers for jobs around the church and to act as a sounding board for property issues
- There is an electrical issue in the closet from when water leaked in. There are some bare wires in that need to be taken care of. Sue Abrahamson will contact Lakes Electric.
- Chamber of Commerce Maps
  - Sue met with man from publishing company who is working with chamber to make maps of the area (local highlights). He is selling advertising, In the past we were on the list of local churches which included times, locations, etc. The cost would be \$280. Maps are distributed to hotels, chamber of commerce, etc...
  - Council felt the absence of our church would be glaring and recommends going forward with this with the money possibly coming out of outreach.
- Timing on Exterior Lighting around Church
  - The timers on the outer lights are off
    - Council recommends most lights stay on until 11:00 PM with the main entrance light being kept on all the time

Closing Prayer/Adjournment Sue Abrahamson motions to adjourn at 8:30. Chris Ruser seconds. All in favor. The meeting is adjourned.

*Next meeting will be November 2<sup>1st</sup>.\_\_\_\_\_ will have devotions and treats.*

*Respectfully submitted, Janie Briggs, Secretary*