

Chisago Lake Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Church Council Meeting  
May 17,2018

Meeting called to order by Melissa Rambow at 7:03

Opening Prayer/Evening Meditation: When Our Faith Wavers

Members Present: Sue Abrahamson, Dale Bahn, Chris Ruser, Melissa Rambow, Pastor Steve, Janie Briggs, Gloria Peterson, Lee Peterson, Dave Reed

Members Absent: Anna Burch

Check In: Favorite spring activity

Approval of the Agenda: Lee Peterson moved to approve the agenda. Chris Ruser seconded. All in favor. The agenda was approved.

Approval of Minutes: There were two corrections to the April minutes.

- In the historical committee notes it states a cabinet was donated, but it should have read, “a cabinet was purchased for \$300.”
- In the “Outdoor Worship” notes it was stated the money would come from personnel. However, the money will come from Personnel and 3M Community Outreach. This will pay for music coordinator and positions already budgeted for.
- Dale Bahn motioned to approve the minutes as amended. Sue Abrahamson seconds. All in favor. The April minutes were approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report:

- In the month of April we were \$756 in the black
- We spend \$1,500 more for snow removal than anticipated due to the spring snows
- There is a need for better communication with the treasurer. Please either fill out a voucher or speak to the treasure before making any purchases. This will protect the staff, help set the budget, and make it easier to determine which funds to pay bills from.

Pastor's Report:

- Summer Worship
  - There is a steering committee in place
  - Nici Peper will lead the music on Thursday nights for the summer
- Bev Sandgren will replace the financial secretary. Pastor Steve motions to hire Diane Goetz as a third financial secretary at \$112 a month. Sue Abrahamson seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.
- Budget questions
  - There was \$625 left in the Moses Basket fund. Dave Reed motions that we use \$400 of that money in Compassion Kits as Pathways is currently doing the work

of Moses Basket. The rest will be left for the pastor's discretionary funds. Lee Peterson seconds. All in favor. Motion carries

- There is currently a line item for \$1,342 in the budget which is designated for landscaping. Council recommends this money be used to cover landscaping costs.

### Committee Reports

- Call Committee
  - The call committee presented a candidate to council
  - A letter will be coming out to call a congregational meeting to vote on the pastor. The congregational meeting will be held June 3.
- Christian Education
  - Summer Service: We will have activities for the children at the Thursday night services
  - VBS is coming the week of June 25<sup>th</sup>. We are still looking for volunteers to house and feed the counselors.
  - Prayground: Christian Education took the recommendation of council and provided more soft toys for the Prayground.
- Personnel
  - There were no applicants for the maintenance position. Pastor Steve motions we establish a part-time maintenance position of 5 hours or less a week and offer the position to the one applicant, Karl Ruser. This position will include set-up and tear down for events. Chris Ruser recused herself from the vote. Gloria Peterson seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.
- Property
  - Olson Sewer fixed the drain in the boiler room
  - There is now signage in the bathrooms to prevent flushing of things not to be flushed and new receptacles were ordered for the women's bathroom.
  - A property evaluation was done on the parsonage and land surrounding it for informational purposes
    - Realtor discovered that the cemetery is partially on the parsonage plat. Eventually this will need re-platting
  - An outside corner of the parsonage is peeling and needs painting. Two bids were collected.
  - Property has collected more bids for the removal of the bat guano in the parsonage
- 3M
  - John Eret's position was replaced by Brad Mattson for the end of this term. Council approves this appointment

### New Business

#### Scholarships for students

- Gladys Johnson Scholarship. This scholarship is open to students of the Protestant Faith from MN and WI.
- Arnold and Edith Johnson which gives up to \$1000 scholarships for 6-7 kids.

Closing Prayer/Adjournment Melissa Rambow motions to adjourn at 9:00. Lee Peterson seconds. All in favor. The meeting is adjourned.

Additional Property Vote (which was accidentally omitted in the property committee report but later addressed via email.)

Property had asked council to consider a recommendation from our current cleaners to strip and wax the Narthex and lower level terrazzo floors as well as cleaning the grout and tile in the main bathrooms. This would be above and beyond his normal cleaning and done by someone who specializes in floors for him. The stripping and waxing of Narthex and lower level terrazzo floors would be \$500 and is recommended to be done twice a year. Cleaning tile and grout in bathrooms would be \$100 per bathroom for a total cost of \$200. Melissa Rambow motioned to spend \$500 on stripping and waxing the Narthex and lower level terrazzo floors as well as spending \$200 on clearing the grout and tile in the main bathrooms. Gloria Peterson seconds. 6 responded via email in favor of this motion. Motion passes.

Respectfully submitted,

Janie Briggs, Secretary