

Chisago Lake Evangelical Lutheran Church
Church Council Meeting
October 18, 2018

Meeting called to order by Melissa Rambow at 7:01 pm.

Members Present: Pastor Taryn, Dave Reed, Melissa Rambow, Janie Briggs, Anna Burch, Sue Abrahamson, Chris Ruser, Gloria Peterson, Lee Peterson

Members Absent: Dale Bahn

Teaching Time: The council read and discussed the article “A Generous Congregation is a Healthy Congregation” by Rev. Dr Ryan Brodin. Pastor Taryn related how this article is tied to Pentecost.

Approval of the Agenda: Pastor Taryn asked to add a “Chisago Lakes Area Clergy Association” request to New Business. Chris Ruser moved to approve the agenda as amended. Gloria Peterson seconded. All in favor. The agenda was approved as amended.

Approval of Minutes: Lee Peterson moved to approve the September minutes. Sue Abrahamson seconded. The September minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: We are \$2000 behind this month. We are \$30,566 behind for the year. We are looking into insurance bids for the building. Our current carrier has raised their rates due to substantial claims on our part (roof, stained glass windows). Dave answered some questions about the perpetual fund, endowments, and gifts which are given.

Pastor's Report:

- Pastoral Activities: 4 pastoral visits, 2 home visits, 3 church activities, 12 church/synod meetings, 3 funerals, 1 baptism, 3 phone visits, 8 teaching
- Other Notes:
 - Still learning LOTS
 - Administrative pieces – website, technology updates, personnel, etc
 - New domain is www.chisagolakelutheran.org. Now working on switching email addresses for office, finance, youth, family and myself
 - Home Communion training went great yesterday! We have 23 shut-ins who will be paired with 11 home communion volunteers. Larry will continue to visit others periodically, as will I.

- Funeral... Pray for Helen Koehler's family. Funeral next Wednesday the 24th
- Collaborative worship at Trinity on for MidChiLu cooperative – great worship, music, looking for other opportunities to collaborate
- First all-staff Meeting early Oct – great chance gather, share meal, did some team building, 'get to know you' activities. Looking forward to building relationships!
- Attended my first monthly Conference Meeting at Fish Lake Lutheran – good to meet colleagues in conference. We are hosting Jan 8.
- First CLACA meeting – good to connect with ecumenical partners in community
- Adult Forum on Sunday mornings – doing the book Embracing Stewardship leading up to Consecration Sunday on Nov 11.
- Speaking at Men in Mission breakfast at Phil's Grill on Tuesday, Nov 6th
- Vacation: Oct 17-19
- Cont Ed/Synod stuff
 - Bishop's Conference Oct 21-23
- *Mission Moment: Stewardship conversations...*

Committee Reports

- Christian Education
 - The Christmas Program is December 9th
 - Christian Education is looking for donations for the Little Angel Shop which will take place on December 8th in the morning
- Finance and Stewardship
 - First letter for Consecration Sunday will go out next week
 - John Ekstrom will be catering the brunch on Consecration Sunday
 - Monday November 5th church leaders on council and stewardship and finance will meet at 6:00 for supper and discuss /plan for Consecration Sunday
- Personnel
 - Working on job descriptions
 - There was a special meeting to discuss snow shoveling job description and pay
 - Staff Appreciation will be on Reformation Sunday with cake served between services in appreciation of our staff
 - The committee will be touching base with Christoph in July to check in on the contemporary service music coordinator position
 - The Employee Handbook will be reviewed to see if any updates are needed
- Property
 - Elevator Inspection: we are getting bids for the updates which are needed. The bids are coming in around \$11,000 which was more than anticipated.

- Olsen Sewer came to discuss sewer issues and possible fixes. Olsen Sewer is working on a proposal

Old Business

- Church Directory
 - Sign up for your pictures for the church directory

New Business

- Old Financial Records from the Vault
 - Financial records in the vault were flooded (past 30 years)
 - ELCA requires we keep the previous 7 years
 - Discussion ensued on proper disposal of older financial records
- CLACA: Chisago Lakes Area Clergy Association
 - CLACA are hosting an event through the schools and are bringing in Reggie Dabbs. The cost for this was \$3500 and additional \$3000 for transporting all CLLC students to the high school to hear him speak. He is a Christian speaker, but will be speaking at the high school about a "Community that Cares." Mr. Dabbs will also be speaking the night of Nov 8th at 6:30. In conjunction with this event, there will be a fair with resources for local families.
 - Sue Abrahamson moves that CLLC helps support bringing in Reggie Dabbs by using \$1000 from community outreach. Dave Reed seconds. All in favor. Motion passes

Closing Prayer/Adjournment Lee Peterson motions to adjourn at 8:27. Gloria Peterson seconds. All in favor. The meeting is adjourned.

Next meeting will be November 15th. Gloria will have devotions and treats.

Respectfully submitted,

Janie Briggs, Council Secretary