

HLC CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of June 13, 2022

Present: Gary Gausmann, Matt Kuehl, Pastor Beth, Carol Duffy, Troy Freemyer, Ted Ryan, Linda Marks, Dan Harvey, Gregg Burmeister, Donna Niesen-Campbell. Guest: Rita Sawatzky

Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm.

Pastor opened by sharing a relevant article from The Onion about a life of extreme busyness.

Guest: Rita Sawatzky shared that she has been getting estimates to replace the vertical blinds in Neemann Hall with funds from the garage sale. She showed a sample that will be put in each of the separate windows and will slide up and down, with no cords or pulls. Troy made a motion to approve the proposal to replace the old blinds with the new blinds, with money from the garage sale. Dan seconded, motion carried.

- **Pastor's Report:** Pastor Beth spoke about preparing ourselves before the retreat, and focusing on our own self to avoid burnout. There was discussion about a possible Sunday night gathering to get together and help us regroup and reconnect to our spiritual side. Some ideas were learning more about the Bible itself, the books in the Bible, books left out of the Bible, the meaning of the parables, renewing our confirmation vows, the hymnals, etc. Time would be 7 pm. Game night ideas were also discussed.
- **Vice-President's Report:** Matt is working on replacements for Pastor Beth when she is on vacation in July.
- **President's Report:** Gary went to the Stewardship, Worship, and Ushers Committee meetings. All are busy and have things going on. The Historical Committee is also meeting and very active.
- **Secretary's Report:** the minutes have been electronically approved. Donna asked that any comments and/or corrections be sent to her directly by Friday after it is sent out. Otherwise, she will assume all is well.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Jim and Irma Timm have tentatively accepted the treasurer's position for 2022-23. Gary will follow-up with them and get a definite answer. Our profit/loss statement shows that we are still financially in a good spot. We have more money than budgeted and have spent less than budget. As of now we have a \$15,000 cushion. It was clarified that RSI Landscape Services have been now doing the lawn mowing at a considerable savings for us over Barnes.

CALENDAR CLEARANCES

- Stewardship Ministry is having an ice cream event on July 24.
- There will be no Church Council in July.
- Stewardship Ministry will host the Cornerstone Cafe on Sunday, August 14, with items purchased from JustDane Bakery. Information about community non-profits will be available.
- -HLCW Bazaar Committee will meet on August 15 at 6:30 pm.

MINISTRY & COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Historical Preservation Committee: Carol reviewed with us her report and recommendations. They are proposing that we use funds from the Improvement Fund to purchase plexiglas and mounting material for the library shelves and closets that will be used to display historical items, at the cost of about \$500. Dan made a motion for approval to take \$500 from the Improvement Fund to be used for materials for the Historical Preservation Room. Gregg seconded, motion carried.
- Property: Gregg reported that another daycare is interested in possibly renting the lower level. A local home-school group would like to use the educational area on Tuesday mornings and the Neemann Hall once a month for a larger group. The educational room rate is currently at \$25/day and Gregg suggested we raise the rental fee to \$50/day. Gregg made the motion to raise the rental fee to \$50/day effective immediately. Matt seconded. Motion carried. Gregg also reported that we are switching to Spectrum for internet as soon as they are able to install it, saving \$20/month. We are also looking to drop Frontier and switch to Spectrum for our phone service as well.

OLD BUSINESS

- The Covid situation has stayed the same but will possibly see a surge in the fall.
- The HLC Church Council Retreat will be at New Life Lutheran Church on August 27 with possible time of 9-3. Discussion ensued on topics such as short-term and long-term goals and how to tend to our souls.
- Neemann Hall and the kitchen and janitor's closet have now been thoroughly cleaned with the help of many volunteers.

NEW BUSINESS

- Gregg has gotten an estimate from a company that does roof sealing that will put a spray on to reseal the whole roof and add 15 more years of life. The vents will need caulking and there was found to be a hole in the roof over the office area where a pipe had been.
- There was discussion about plaster peeling off a wall from an unknown cause, getting it looked at and possibly fixed. The same is happening in the men's restroom.
- Gary is trying to find a company to come in and test the air quality in church.
- Gregg also got quotes from companies who do duct cleaning.

Dan made a motion to adjourn, Carol seconded.

We closed with the Lord's Prayer and meeting ended at 8:15 pm.

Minutes submitted by Donna Niesen-Campbell, council secretary.