

October 2019 Council Minutes

Tuesday, October 8th, 2019 7pm Fireside Room

Present: Jen, Kyle, Dan, Al, Ann, Rayelle, and Kelly. Pastor Dave, Deacon Amanda, and Lindsay were also present. Marlo, Kim, and Jon were excused.

- 1) Call to Order - Jen called meeting to order at 7:06pm
 - a) Approval of Agenda – Al made a motion to approve the agenda. Rayelle seconded the motion. Motion carried.
 - b) Welcome any guests – No guests were present.
 - c) Review any thank you notes or correspondence sent to Council or St. John’s – Kelly to send a thank you card on behalf of Council to Dan Penz of Elcor Construction for their work on the parking lot. Their final bill was roughly \$1200 less than the estimate – materials were provided at cost, and no labor was charged. Kelly will also send a thank you to Terry Czeck for feeding the leaders at the All Commission meeting.
- 2) Devotions – Dan led devotions
- 3) Reports –
 - a) Discuss/Approve previous meeting minutes, staff and commission reports – Dan reminded the group of the CKP fundraiser and shared a flyer. Lindsay stated that Youth and Family had just met, and that the report was not yet included in the packet for review. Growth and Hospitality is preparing for next week’s new member meeting. Lindsay had a question about the pre-populated budget form, but determined that some of the numbers were irrelevant, and the form was to be completed in its entirety. Properties is working with Customer Alarm to meet safety codes. The flat roof repair from June’s hail storm is underway.
- 4) Financials
 - a) Summary of the past month’s financials – Pastor Dave commented that the general offering and loose offering totaled roughly \$60,000, and that September’s giving was strong, and that expenses managed to be lower than budgeted. It appears that the Congregation is paying attention and responding to the request to help toward the deficit. Several noted that the stewardship offering discussions have been well-presented, and this offers a good start to the programming year. Commitment Sunday is coming up in a couple of weeks. The mortgage is currently at roughly \$60,000, and the debt is roughly \$80,000.
- 5) Old Business
 - a) Book Study – Lindsay led Chapter 5 “Faithful Giving” and the group discussed changing the way we focus on money. She noted the distinction between “giving” and “fundraising”. Al led Chapter 6 “Support and Sacrifice” and noted the distinction between the terms, and the freedom from burdens that sacrifice offers to those who give from their hearts.
 - b) All Commission meeting review – Jen is working with Shelly with pulling together the respective commission submissions and meeting minutes into a packet that can then be distributed to each commission. Jen is also working to pull together the facility usage committee. Several positive comments about holding the meeting in the evening, versus mid-day as was done last year.
 - c) Stewardship update – Pastor Dave indicated previously that the congregation has been listening and that the \$5 bucket has helped with roughly \$3000 toward the General Fund. Kyle and Joel M are planning to cook breakfast on November 3rd, and Terry will be making dinner the following Wednesday 6th. Pastor Dave will likely offer a “Try a tithe” Sunday/Wednesday in first quarter, and also meet with top givers to thank them for their support to the Mission of the church.
- 6) New Business

- a) Roundtable Discussion – Lindsay noted that Youth and Family are hosting a dinner during worship in the Fellowship Hall on November 13th, with the goal of encouraging leadership with some of the newer families, how would like to serve and become involved in the church. Rayelle noted that 180 households have updated their contact information, and they will continue to solicit data prior to Lutefisk. Lindsay noted that two youth trips are planned for 2020, one for grades 7-12 (Duluth), and another trip for grades 10-12 (New Orleans). There will be a hard deadline signup of October 18th. There are also several Sugar Creek camp options for all ages. Lindsay said she is in the process of working on an email for 2020 seniors as well. Kelly encouraged Lindsay to incorporate Council Leadership into confirmation interviews as had been done in previous years. Jen has a contract from IMS, but will wait to hear from Properties Commission after their review before signing.
- b) Elected council members held a closed session.
- 7) Council shared God Sightings that they encountered.
- 8) Motion to Adjourn – Ann made a motion to adjourn. All seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 9) Council closed the meeting by reciting the Lord’s Prayer.
- 10) Upcoming event/meetings
 - a) Next council meeting – Tuesday, November 12th 7pm in the Fireside room. Kelly will lead devotions. Rayelle leads Chapter 7.
 - b) Attend Commission Budget meetings as schedules allow.
 - c) Lutefisk October 24th.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kelly Utesch

Post Script: On Wednesday, October 3rd, 2019, Council met in the library to consider a recommendation from the Personnel Commission and CKP for hiring Sonja Peters-Hartig for the Little Lambs Assistant. Jen, Ann, Dan, Rayelle, Al, and Kelly were present. Rayelle made a motion to extend an offer to Sonja Peter-Hartig for the Little Lambs Assistant position. Ann seconded the motion. Motion carried.