
Council Minutes: July 10, 2018

Attendance:

Present: Dorothy Datemasch, Mack Flood, Steve Foust, Pastor Hybl, Bill Lavallee, MaryAnn Sinwell, Howard Weigold

Absent:

Devotions: Dorothy – The Waiting Place

ADMINISTRATIVE

Minutes:

A motion was put forth by Steve and seconded by Pastor Hybl to approve June's minutes as corrected and accepted.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor Hybl will participate in In-Tents Ministry in Somerset County in 2 weeks but will still be here to participate in ELC Family Fun Fest.

ELCA youth event included speakers in direct conflict with what the NALC stands for.

Mail:

AI-Anon would like approval to use the church 10:30AM to 12:30PM on Saturdays unless there is a conflict. The request was approved.

Financials:

Contributions for June were about \$12,600, about \$4,800 more than last June. Expenses were about \$19,700, about \$3,000 less than last time we had a pastor. A deficit of \$7,033 for the month resulted. This is the lowest amount for the last 7 years.

Contributions YTD were \$149,000, about \$5,000 less than last year. Expenses were \$172,000, about \$2,500 below budget, resulting in a negative cash flow of about \$23,000 for the year to date.

Budgets versus actuals are tracking slightly below budget.

\$51,607 remains in the bank account. Our current mortgage balance is \$26,678.
\$39,000 is in our total funds.

All expenses are at or under budget except Maintenance, which is at about 90% of their budget.

See financials for details.

Ministry Reports

Christian Life:

Dorothy provided her report for the meeting.

A new visitation schedule was set.

The next meeting is scheduled for early August.

Murrysville Night of Lights is scheduled for December 7th. Julie will investigate if Thrivent money will be available for this event.

Soul Life:

Worship & Music:

The next meeting will be July 16th.

Christian Ed

The Christian Ed meeting was held today at 2:00. Family Fun Nights are set. July 23rd people are needed to come in and help decorate at 11:00 AM. Movies were discussed. Aladdin will be shown.

Sermon series will begin September 16th and will run for 6 weeks.

September 9th will be rally day.

Diana will continue with World Relief.

Peggy Lewis will take over Cradle Roll & College Ministry.

Michele and Sarah will talk about Sunday school and possibly a self-study for confirmation.

Displays will be requested of all ministry groups. We should put them up for the convocation.

The next meeting is August 7th.

Life Stewardship:

The Life Stewardship next meeting will be tomorrow.

God's Property:

Work was performed on the downspouts and drains. Drains have been confirmed open.

Boy Scout Troup #208 will have a clean up day on August 30th.

The upper bank was mowed.

Awaiting quotes for foundation digging and leveling dirt.

A report was submitted in advance.

LCW:

A report was submitted for June.

OLD BUSINESS

MaryAnn requested that Ministry Team reports be provided for the website. A chart showing website hits was provided. The month of June had 342 hits.

Acolyte schedule is not being followed. Training should be held and opened up beyond students.

The transfer request for Don & Peggy Schultze went through.

Contemporary services will be discussed at the July 16th service.

NEW BUSINESS

Next events:

1. Fun Fest will be held in July and August
 - a. Carnival Theme (7/24)
 - b. Game Show Night (7/31)
 - c. Movie Night (8/7)

d. BINGO Theme (8/14)

The new theme, "Sharing Our Faith," including a bible verse have been provided to Dave Vance.

New Ideas – Bite Size Pieces. An idea is put forth to assign/have people sign up for small tasks for the year (e.g. weeding a specific bed).

- Cookies and coffee after services for meeting and fellowship
- Ice Cream social
- Advertisements on Christian Radio stations
- Clothing Drive
- Italian Night
- Turkey Dinner

These would be good ideas for the retreat. The retreat is July 26th & July 27th at the church and we'll have a pot luck. Ideas for the retreat need to be to Mack by July 22nd.

A meeting will be held on August 19th to discuss the planning details for the Convocation.

Pastor Roles and Responsibilities was a topic put forth by MaryAnn to discuss the "grumblings" and undercurrents regarding the Saturday services.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by MaryAnn, seconded by Dorothy, and carried to adjourn.

Next meeting: August 28th. Mack will have devotions.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by MaryAnn Sinwell (Secretary)