

Sunne Evangelical Lutheran Church Council Minutes

September 13, 2023

Present: Marcus Hall, Pastor Dan Paulson, Tim Smallbeck, Lester Vollan, Kris Ell, Sue Szczur, & Lyndsey Cleveland

The meeting was opened with prayer.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: It was moved, seconded, & carried to approve the secretary's report.

TREASURER'S REPORT: It was moved seconded, & carried to receive the treasurer's report.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

- Pastor Dan will be gone the first two weeks in October
- 5 worship services, 1 funeral, 3 hospital visits, & 3 nursing home/retirement home visits were conducted
- 4 visits in office
- Confirmation program-8:45-10 am; worksheets on the website for the kids to complete for each week; 21 classes taught by Pastor Dan & 6 or 7 taught by Valerie Smallbeck & Denise Leapaldt-Johnson
- One month will be spent on the book "You are Witnesses to These Things" in confirmation
- 3rd year confirmands-83 question final test on website for them to complete; will meet with council in October for interview; will also meet with Pastor Dan 5 times before confirmation Sunday
- Rally Sunday was a huge success with \$798 being raised for Brave the Shave
- Hymnal presentation for 3rd graders moved to October 15
- Will attend a suicide prevention seminar & class with the author of the book "You are Witnesses to These Things" this upcoming week

OLD BUSINESS

Call committee update-They are reviewing a new candidate

Parsonage Status-Countertops were picked up and a couple have been installed; the electrician was there once, but did not finish the work and Kris has been unable to get in contact with him; Kris & Bob Ell will replace some of the outlets so the backsplash can be installed, per ND code

Railing update-everything is ready, just waiting to get it put on Tim's schedule

Charcoal grill-can be disposed of

Harvest Festival update-everything has been ordered and is ready to go; an ad was placed in the leader news

Budget adjustment Congregational Meeting-Marcus will lead

NEW BUSINESS

Harvest Festival Funds-It was moved, seconded, & carried to designate funds to the church's general fund

Door stop-Lester will get supplies & replace

Strom Garbage Service-it was brought to the council's attention that this garbage service is \$45 for 2 times a month pickup; Marcus will contact and get more information; If it is cheaper than what we are paying now, it was moved, seconded, & carried to move forward with this new service

Proposed new Pastor's contract-It was moved, seconded, & carried to approve the new contract which states Pastor Dan will conduct services 3 times a month, he will conduct home visits 6 times per month (2-3 homes per visit), will teach confirmation classes 3 times per month, will still do special events, hospital visits as needed, attend council meetings, & Advent & Lent services. The adjusted compensation is \$4500/month + mileage + continuing education with 4 weeks of vacation. This agreement starts on October 1 & will run for 6 months or until we call a new Pastor.

Christmas service-we will have two services at 4:30 & 9 pm

Benevolence payment & Camp Of the Cross payment-it was moved, seconded, & carried to make these payments

Request for seminary funds-Erick Smallbeck is studying to become a layperson through the synod. He is requesting funds to cover the costs associated with this. It was moved, seconded, & carried to approve funds to cover reimbursable costs for the program.

Sewer back up-The drain again backed up on Sunday, September 10. It went back down quickly. Marcus will contact someone to come snake the drain.

Acolyte Robes-These need some sewing done & new Velcro put on before being laundered. Sue Szczur will take care of this. Acolytes will be expected to wear these for special events or in the case that they are not wearing proper attire.

MINISTRY TEAM REPORTS

CHURCH/PARSONAGE PROPERTY-NR

WILTON FOOD PANTRY-NR

STEWARDSHIP-NR

WORSHIP-NR

CEMETERY-NR

EDUCATION-Sunday school began on Sunday, September 10 with a great turnout

EVANGELISM-NR

YOUTH-NR

WELCA-NR

ENDOWMENT TEAM-NR

OCTOBER DEACONS & TELLERS

October 1-Sue & Marcus

October 8-Lyndsey & Lester

October 15-Tim & Marcus

October 22-Kris & Lyndsey

October 29-Sue & Tim

Next meeting-October 11 @ 6:30 pm

The meeting was closed with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lyndsey Cleveland, secretary