

Sunne Evangelical Lutheran Church Council Minutes

October 11, 2023

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

The third year confirmation students were interviewed. The class consists of Kennady Cleveland, Seth Morlock, Kevin Schill, Jarrick Kassian, Trayton Bauer, Malia Tooke, & Parker Hruby. All are ready to be confirmed on October 29, 2023. The students were dismissed prior to the beginning of the meeting.

The meeting was opened with prayer.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT: A check was sent to the endowment fund for the donation from Bernard Falkenstein's estate. Harvest Fest was very successful this year, with approximately \$4300 in profit. It was moved, seconded, & carried to receive the treasurer's report.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

- 2 worship services, no funerals, 2 days of visits to Missouri Slope, visits to those in Mandan, 2 office visits, & many calls, texts & emails.
- The confirmation program has increased in meeting time by 15 minutes (8:45-10)
- Pastor was able to visit family for 2 weeks, which was much needed
- Attended a suicide prevention seminar at BSC
- Attended training on the book that will be used in confirmation
- Flowers have been ordered for confirmation Sunday
- Poinsettia's-will order 20 this year
- Sandy Petersen will be doing a write-up for the newsletter about a grant through St. Joseph's for the food pantry. If we can raise up to \$1250, they will match those funds & give us a grant for \$2500.

OLD BUSINESS

Call committee update-reviewing a candidate; the candidate will be here for a parsonage tour on October 28; the church will reimburse them for hotel & mileage

Parsonage Status-Remodeling is done. We will hold an open house for the congregation to see the renovations on November 5 after worship until 1 pm. This will be announced and posted in the bulletin. The heat has been turned on. The water is off to avoid any issues.

Railing Update-waiting to be scheduled

Charcoal grill-needs to be disposed of

Harvest Festival Summary-approximately \$4300 was raised, after paying costs associated with the dinner

Door Stop-Lester replaced, but the new one is too short so he will get a longer one and fix it.

Strom Garbage service-2 yd dumpster 2 times per month for \$45.50-this is cheaper than what we are paying with Waste Management, but we have a 3 year contract with them. SuAnn will look into the cost for breaking the contract.

Proposed new Pastor's contract-signed by all necessary

Mower/Snowblower-will be switched around at the end of October

Erick Smallbeck-he is really enjoying his Layperson class; he would like to take an advanced course for sermon writing and is asking for reimbursement for that. It is approximately \$300. It was moved, seconded, & carried to reimburse Erick for his class.

Plugged downspout-Lester & Arlan will clean that up

Upstairs heat not working-Lester & Tim will look into this

NEW BUSINESS

Budget & Election meeting-December 3 at 9 am; we will have two open spots (Sue Szczur & Marcus Hall); Sue does not want to do another term & Marcus is thinking about this & will let us know; we will be thinking about someone to take the empty spot and have it put in the bulletin

Proposed 2024 Budget Committee-Marcus will ask Marvin Dockter & Bernell Hedstrom if they would like to serve on this committee along with SuAnn. The council would like the budget committee to think about possibly having a fund started for repaving the parking lot.

Half of Christmas-the chosen recipient will be the Wilton Food Pantry

Advent services-will start November 29 at 7 pm and continue each Wednesday through December 20.

Christmas tree-Marcus will order and will get set up on November 25. We will decorate the tree and the church on November 26 after worship.

Sunday's & Seasons worship book-We discussed getting the online version of this program, instead of the book, as it would be more efficient for the worship team. Sherlynn will look into the online version and report back to the council on whether it is worth the expense, compared to the book version.

Confirmand gifts-Marcus will pick those up from the Rainbow Shop

Donations dropped off at the church-we have recently had an influx of random donations being dropped off at the church when no one is present. While we are very grateful for donations, we are going to put a write-up in the newsletter asking for people to coordinate their donation drop offs with someone at the church. We just do not have the space to store everything that is being dropped off, currently. SuAnn will get a write-up to Sherlynn for the November newsletter.

MINISTRY/TEAM REPORTS

CHURCH/PARSONAGE PROPERTY-remodel is complete

WILTON FOOD PANTRY-NR

STEWARDSHIP-NR

WORSHIP-NR

CEMETERY-NR

EDUCATION-NR

EVANGELISM-NR

YOUTH-informational meeting for the 2024 ELCA youth gathering in New Orleans set for October 22 after worship-coordinated by Emma Berg & Lyndsey Cleveland

WELCA-NR

ENDOWMENT TEAM-the money has been put into three different accounts

NOVEMBER DEACONS & TELLERS

November 5-Tim Smallbeck & Lester Vollan

November 12-Sue Szczur & Marcus Hall

November 19-Lyndsey Cleveland & Sue Szczur

November 26-Kris Ell & Lester Vollan

Next meeting is November 8 at 7pm.

The meeting was closed with prayer.