**Council Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** 3-9-21

**Call to Order:** Brandon called the meeting of the TELC council to order at 7:00 pm.

**Roll Call:** Brandon Rusche, Sharon Gradert, Sandy Olson, Brenda Rosenberg, Luci Ferrin, Adam Henning, Steve Onken, Sheryl Peters, Paul Hensch, Arlene Kuehl and Pastor Nappe.

Absent: John French and Luc Johnson.

**Devotions/Prayer:** Pastor Nappe led devotions reading from Deuteronomy 32, entitled On the Verge, just as we are on the verge of new beginning at TELC and followed with prayer.

A report on the progress of the Call Committee was given by Linda Fick. Our call has been on the LCMC website and a mass e-mail was sent to pastors. The committee will meet again next week to decide on who to invite for interviews. Hopefully a selection will be made by May. Their recommendation will be given to the congregation and decision to call can be made. Several questions were asked by the council.

**Pastor’s Report:**

February has been a busy month with getting back into the swing of things here at TELC. Visitations in person have been down this month.

* Visited on the phone with some who have been sick or in the hospital or had family members in the hospital.
* Visited with many at the funeral and visitation for Richard Engler on February 25th.
* Weather complications affected the number of times that he was available in Sibley.

Tuesday night Bible Study on “Believe” continued in February and ended the series tonight, and we will be starting something new. One Tuesday was missed because of frigid temperatures.

We started s Sunday morning adult Sunday School on February 7th with a video series on the Small Catechism. It is a small group with good discussion but would like to add more people.

Confirmation: held class twice in February and will not be meeting during Lent.

Lent: Ash Wednesday service was held on February 17th and started a Lenten Service sermon series on Questions from the Psalms.

Met with the ministerial on February 10th.

Had two planning meetings in February for the World Day of Prayer that was hosted by Trinity on March 5th. Pastor was the speaker on Reaching the Unreached.

Been communicating with three couples who are planning on having weddings at Trinity this year. Pastor has been asked to officiate.

\*Jared Onken and Kendra Dorn – May 22nd

\* Alyssa Hibbing and Matt Ackerman – July 3lst

\*Jill Berkland and Craig Boernsen - December 18th

Started First Communion Classes with Carson Renner

Met with Worship Committee to discuss Lenten services and procedure for serving communion

Also mentioned that had their annual meeting with Faith Lutheran Church on February 21, where the congregation voted to close.

**Additions to the Agenda:** There were none.

Minutes of the Last Meeting: Minutes of the last meeting were reviewed. Motion by Adam and seconded by Steve, all voted Aye to approve the minutes.

**Committee Reports:**

**Treasurers Report**: (General Fund, Memorial Fund, Good Samaritan Fund, Building Fund) Question was asked where the Sunday School money comes from. Coffee fellowship was the answer. There are enough funds in the Building Fund account to pay the payment due April 1st. We will pay it now. Motion by Brenda and second by Sheryl to approve, all voted Aye.

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| Checking Balance | 50,041.46 |
| Maintenance | 1,107.70 |
| Parsonage | 3,048.18 |
| Building Fund | 19,466.13 |
| Security Cameras | 2,225.00 |
| Furnace | 8,719.19 |
| SE Entry Repair | 9,035.34 |
| Emergency | 7,500.00 |
| Sunday School | 931.29 |
| Line of Credit | 0.00 |

**Worship:**

* Use of wafers or bread for communion. We will use bread during lent and wafers after that.
* The tape on the pews will be removed for Easter.
* Suggestions of favorite hymns to be used may be placed in the suggestion box.
* 50 hymnals were given to use by Faith Lutheran. They will be placed on a rack like Praise Team Sunday and be picked up for use.
* Blessing of the Seeds Sunday service on April 11th.

**Christian Ed**:

* Camp Sunday is March 21st with a dinner of hamburgers and hot dogs being served. The offering will be used for Camp Scholarships.

**Stewardship/Evangelism:**

* Nothing to report

**Building and Property:**

* Outside faucet and valve have been fixed
* The stools have been pulled so painting can be done at the Parsonage.
* Painting at the parsonage is being completed and has been paid for by one of our members.
* Steve and Alan Onken have fixed the can lights.
* Group of men have volunteered to do some work around the church (clean lights and replace light bulbs).

**Execs:**

* Others have agreed to help on committee assignments, be sure to use them.

**Old Business:**

* Easter Breakfast: Brandon has ordered the eggs and will pick them up. Ron and Sheryl Peters have ordered a Thrivent card to help with meal costs. Sheryl will get the sausages. There is pancake mix on hand to use. March 21st we will meet to finalize plans.
* Burger Barn: Sheryl has signed TELC up for Fridays June 20th and 27th for the Building Fund.
* Church security cameras and WYFY improvement: Tom Taylor gave Brandon a bid of $2,000.00. That money has already been donated. If costs should be more, Tom will donate that. A motion was made by Adam and seconded by Luci to give Tom the go ahead. All voted AYE.
* Constitution: It is being checked for edit purposes and will then be given to the council for comment.
* Job descriptions/Committee checklists: these are being worked on
* Service project: It was decided there are things around the church that need to be done. We will set April 17th as a work-day. A list of things to do will be made by Paul and Sharon.
* Lent offerings: a motion was made by Arlene and seconded by Sheryl to designate half to the Building Fund and half to Community projects like Upper Des Moines. All voted AYE.
* Men’s Lenten Breakfast: We will host on Wednesday March 24th. Arlene and Sharon have agreed to do the breakfast. One or two more people will be asked to help.
* Entrance repair: Paul will visit with Steven Rosenberg about it.

**New Business:**

* Noisy Offering for April: Motion by Arlene and seconded by Sheryl to give it to the Sibley Public Library to be used for youth projects.
* VBS: Motion by Arlene and second by Adam to not do VBS this year because of lack of children and ability to do jointly with the Methodist Church. All voted AYE.
* Service Project: April 17th was set as the date to do work around the church.
* Extension Kids Program: We have been asked if TELC could be used for this. There will be story time, a craft project and snack. They would use the Sunday School gathering area and outside. The dates are June 10 and 24, July 8 and 22 and August 5 and 19 from 5 to 6 PM. Motion by Luci and second by Sandy to allow them use of the church with a list of guidelines to follow. All voted AYE.
* New members: March 14th is New Member Sunday. Those who completed the paperwork and will be welcomed are Richard Dvorak and renewal membership of Daniel Berkland. Motion to accept these members was made by Arlene and seconded by Sandy. All voted AYE.

**Dates to remember:** Council Prep meeting – April 6th at 7 PM

Council Meeting – April 13th at 7 PM

Camp Sunday and Easter Breakfast planning – March 28th

Palm Sunday – March 28th

Maundy Thursday -April 1st

Good Friday – April 2nd

Easter Sunday – April 4th

Blessing of the Seeds Sunday – April 11th

Treats, Teller and Communion for April is Sheryl Peters

Sandy made the motion to adjourn and seconded by Adam. All voted AYE. We closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted

Arlene Kuehl, Secretary