**Council Meeting Minutes**

**Date: 8/10/2021**

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

**Roll Call**:

Sharon Gradert, Sandy Olson, Luci Ferrin, Sheryl Peters, John French, Luc Johnson, Paul Hensch, Adam Henning, Brandon Rusche, Brenda Rosenberg, Steve Onken, Arlene Kuehl and Pastor Nappe. Absent: none.

**Devotions and Prayer**:

Pastor read John 6 vs 35 God’s promise to all who believe is eternal life. He followed with prayer.

**Pastor’s Report**:

Sunday Worship Service in July:

* July 4th, communion, holiday weekend, Attendance – 51
* July 11th, Vacation Bible School Program, Blessing of the Bicycles, Potluck dinner after church. Attendance – 99
* July 18th, Community worship at the fairgrounds – Attendance – nice showing
* July 25th, was a normal Sunday, Attendance – 54

Visitation:

* I visited all three care centers on August 4th
* I have had several hospital visits, both in person and over the phone.
* I had private communion services with 3 in their own homes.
* I talked to several prospective members in person and on the phone.
* I had opportunities to visit with members and vistors at the Helmers funeral and the Hibbing wedding.
* Tuesday night Bible Study has continued using “The Wired Word.”
* I participated in committee meetings this month: Executive Committee, Worship and Music, Church Council.
* I met with the Helmer’s family to finalize the plans for Lawrence’s funeral service conducted on July 22nd.
* I finished the marriage preparation with Matt Ackermann and Alyssa Hibbing. Rehearsal was July 30th and the wedding on July 31st.
* Looking ahead, I am planning the confirmation curriculum and considering adult Sunday School material.
* I have and am spending time packing, moving and setting up bank accounts, renters and health insurance.

Future Considerations:

* When or where would we have the Polka Fest? Octoberfest? Consensus seemed to be to have it on a Saturday afternoon/evening with an outdoor brat cookout.
* Do we have a goal for a service where we burn the mortgage before the end of the year?
* Possibly mix it in with a Stewardship Sunday?
* School is starting on August 23rd
* Confirmation starting with an informational meeting on August 25th.
* Any interest in a Men’s, Women’s, Couples groups or Bible Study?

Schedule for upcoming Sundays to the end of the year:

Aug. 1st, Communion at the rail, 10th Sunday of Pentecost

Aug. 8th, Pulpit Supply, Jeremy Haugen, 11th Sunday of Pentecost

Aug. 15th, Continuous communion, New Members Sunday, Campers share their experience, 12th Sunday of Pentecost

Aug. 22nd, We host outdoor service with Methodists, Prayer for kids going back to school, 13th Sunday of Pentecost

Aug. 29th, Methodists host outdoor service at 9AM, 14th Sunday of Pentecost

Sept. 5th, Communion at the rail, 15th Sunday of Pentecost, Labor Day Weekend

Sept. 12th, Rally Day, Ghana trip, need pulpit supply, 16th Sunday of Pentecost

Sept. 19th, Ghana trip, need pulpit supply, no communion, 17th Sunday of Pentecost

Sept. 26th, I’m back, Communion at rail, Installation of Sunday School teachers, 18th Sunday of Pentecost

Oct. 3rd, May be traveling to LCMC event in Hilliard, Ohio, may need pulpit supply,postpone communion to Oct. 10th, 19th Sunday of Pentecost

Oct. 10th, Continuous Communion, 20th Sunday of Pentecost

Oct. 17th, Mission Festival Sunday, 21st Sunday of Pentecost

Oct. 24th, 22nd Sunday of Pentecost

Oct. 31st, Reformation Sunday Confirmation Sunday, Communion at the rail

* 5 Confirmands: Erika Rosenberg, Reagan Rusche, Brianna Taylor, Cayden Wingate, Natalie Wollmuth, 23rd Sunday of Pentecost

Nov. 7th, All Saints Sunday, Communion at the rail, 24th Sunday of Pentecost

Nov. 14th, 25th Sunday of Pentecost

Nov. 21st, Christ the King Sunday, Continuous communion 26th Sunday of Pentecost

Nov. 28th, 1st Sunday of Advent, Sanctuary decorated for Christmas

Dec. 5th, 2nd Sunday of Advent, Communion at the rail

Dec. 12th, 3rd Sunday of Advent, Sunday School Christmas Program

Dec. 19th, 4th Sunday of Advent, Continuous communion

Dec. 24th, Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Dec. 25th, 1st Sunday of Christmas

**Additions to the Agenda**:

There were none.

**Minutes**:

Motion made by Brenda and seconded by Adam to approve the minutes. All voted AYE.

**Treasurer’s Report**

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| Checking Balance | 54,808.73 |
| Folker’s Endowment | 1,687.11 |
| Parsonage | 108.55 |
| Building Fund | 5,649.56 |
| Security Cameras | 365.00 |
| Furnace | 8,721.57 |
| SE Entry Repair | 9,037.81 |
| Emergency | 7,500.00 |
| Sunday School | 1,236.79 |
| Line of Credit | 0.00 |

Motion by Luc and second by Steve to approve the Treasurer’s report. All voted AYE.

**Committee Reports**:

**Worship**: It was recommended to keep the Polka Fest and Harvest Meal separate. Harvest meal will be November 7th.

**Christian Ed**: A list of possible Sunday School students has been made and a letter inviting and encouraging them to attend Sunday School will be sent.

**Stewardship**: Nothing to report.

**Building and Property**: Parsonage peak and garage doors have been painted. The east wall of the Sunday School wing is being looked at for installation of the cement board. The gutters are being looked at to avoid the run over. The windows were washed last Friday at the parsonage and the church. A member has offered to pay for this service.

**Execs**: To help have everyone aware of the Church Guidelines for Use of Church Facilities, Arlene asked Corinne to include this in our council packets.

Suggestion/Feedback Box for July were:

More patriotic music every Sunday-shared this with Lola; she will work a song in every 2-3 months if it fits with the message.

Have Pastor greet us as we leave church-shared with Pastor Tim.

To go back to using wine goblets when serving communion at the rail. - it was discussed at the 7-27 worship committee meeting to resume this August 1st.

Resume Bucket of Bucks to involve kids – discussed at worship committee meeting to resume this the first Sunday in October.

**Old Business**:

The constitution has been sent to the members for review. Comments need to be received by November to be voted on at the annual meeting. A few comments have been received so far.

Luc reported on the bell tower. It has not been worked on since 1967. It was stuck by lighting in 1986. A cost of $525 for the first hour and $135 for each hour after that would be the cost to look at the tower. Pictures of the bell tower will be taken and sent to them for an estimate to repair. John will get more drone pictures and Steve said the city might be willing to use the boom truck to take someone up there to get pictures also.

John has installed the internet to the parsonage, and it is working well. Brandon will notify for the cancellation of the parsonage internet line and for the phone line.

New member Sunday is this week. Sandy offered to make and donate the bar-b-que. Several have signed up to bring salads and desserts. The youth will help with serving beverages and cleanup in place of coffee fellowship. Sharon had ordered the buns and available council is asked to help with serving

Pastor and Bev will be moving on Saturday and several have signed up to help with vehicles and trailers. Arlene will prepare and serve lunch to the workers.

Pastor will double check with Pastor Swenson that the dates are correct for the joint service with the Methodists.

**New Business**:

A member has donated $10,000.00 to be used where we felt it was most needed. It was decided to place it in the emergency fund at this point with possible use in the Building Fund.

A company from Milford has looked at the sound system and made a few adjustments. They stated we may want to look at replacing the system at some time. It would be a cost of $10,000.00 to $20,000.00 to replace it. At this time, we will not do anything.

Brenda Tutje talked to Arlene about doing some refreshing in the church. The cross on the end of the pews be changed to possibly off white and to make the mission statement visible from the front of the church. A go ahead to check in the costs to do this was given to Brenda.

A date to do fall cleanup will be set later as the leaves fall. There are some trees that need some branches removed also.

Members for the Nomination Committee will need to be gotten. Luc volunteered to be on the committee.

Sandy Eben has offered to make the Confirmation Stoles but needs measurements and other input ASAP. A motion was made by Luc and seconded by Sheryl to purchase robes for the students at a cost of $20.00 each. Six will be ordered.

Third Sunday communion will be continuous and intinction will be possible after COVID. Communion Sundays will adjust as to pastor’s availability.

A motion was made by Luci and seconded by Sandy to give the noisy offering for August to Bright Beginnings. All voted AYE.

The TELC Soup and Pie supper will be September 29th. The youth will be asked to help with beverage serving, table cleanup and help with carrying trays.

Sheryl asked for help at the Burger Barn on August 20th and 27th. She needs a griller and 2 or 3 serving.

Dates to remember:

\*Council Prep Meeting, Sept. 7th at 7 PM

\*Council Meeting, Sept. 14th at 7 PM

\*August 14th, Move Pastor and Bev

\*August 15th, New Member Sunday/Potluck

\* Sundays September 12th and 19th Pastor is gone to Africa

Treats and Teller for September is Brenda Rosenberg

Motion was made by Brenda and seconded by Adam to adjourn the meeting. All voted AYE.

We closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted.

Arlene Kuehl, secretary