

ELC Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, September 12, 2024

Present: LuAnn, Peter, Ashley, Ed, Tasha, Ann, Patti, Barb

Absent: Pastor Jenny, Sue

Call to Order: 6:00PM

Devotion: John 11:25 – Jesus Wept

Ministry Teams:

Stewardship:

- October
 - Videos:
 - Adult Bible Study: Paul and Cindy
 - VBS: Beth and Ann
 - Visitation: Joy and Lori
 - Bible Camp: Ashley
 - Temple Talk
 - Peter Bushman
 - Chris Segelhurst
 - Judy Ranson
 - Mariann Torkelson
 - Puppet Show
 - Theme: Imagine together
 - Week 1: Enough at Every Table
 - Week 2: Community of Belonging
 - Week 3: Vitality
 - Week 4: A Sense of Awe

Barb would like to give out Stewardship info to Calgary in Neillsville as they are looking at restarting Stewardship.

Worship:

- Hatfield was a Success
 - Band 5 out of 15 Sundays
 - Baptism Bash, Blessing of the Pets
 - 250 People on Labor Day

- Worship Coverage
 - Peter Bushman this Sunday
 - Diane House, from the Synod next Sunday
- Planning Worship Asst. the next few months
 - Shanna might be willing to help
- Christmas Services:
 - 2 Services Christmas Eve
 - Tuesday
 - 4:00 and 6:00
 - No Service Christmas Day
 - Wednesday
 - Advent Services:
 - 3 Wednesdays
- All Saints Day is Planned
- Chorus dates are planned
- Calgary REALLY like the the service in Hatfield
 - 2 Services Next Year, Maybe?
- 2 sets of speakers needed in Hatfield
- How do we reach the campers in Hatfield?
 - Hatfield Association Newsletter
- Shelters are reserved for next summer in Hatfield.

Education:

- Birth to 3: Jess set dates
- Sunday School officially starts this Sunday
- Youth Group
 - Communication: 3-2-1 Method
 - Letter, Face to Face, Text
 - Apple Orchard Trip:
 - 10/25- Fergusons in Eau Claire
- Confirmation:
 - Parent Meeting: 10/13
 - Confirmation Starts: 10/20
- October 27: Band and Sunday School in Church

God's Work Our Hands

- Lot intergeneration events
- Parking was an issue
- Food was hit
- Bounce House was AMAZING

- Next Year: Lunda Park or Interfaith
- Next Year: Outside Service at Lunda Park
 - Rally Sunday
- Next Year in Hatfield

Youth and Family:

- Planning Play Dates:
 - October 13 Maybe
- December: Parent's Night Out
- December: Live Nativity: First Wednesday
- December: Christkindl Parade

Witness:

- Outreach
 - Homelessness Immediate Impact Workgroup
 - Planning Night Without a Bed
 - Chili Cook Off
 - This will be a fundraiser for the Homelessness Workgroup
 - Still planning clothing drive for Veterans
 - Starting October 1 through November 10.
- Mighty Table
 - New Referral for a homeless family
 - 110 meals a week
 - Wednesday: Methodist Church does a meal
 - Patti could reach out to Dominic: He will be working with the homeless through Jackson County Human Services. Currently working at the Public Library.
 - No longer able to leave meals at the Library for the unhoused.

WELCA

- November 10
 - Veteran Breakfast
- Advent
 - Soup Supper
- School Bags
 - Made 114 at God's Work Our Hands
- Interested in getting more people to meetings

Building and Grounds

- Jessie Construction
 - Took 3 weeks to complete work
 - Left Lot of space for Green Oasis
- Green Oasis
 - Will be about 2 weeks to finish
- Mathy Asphalt
 - Will start within 2 weeks
- Sunday School Door
 - Delayed- Due to not all the trim being painted
- Gutters
 - Gutter work will start once Mathy is finished
- Bush Electric
 - Working on outdoor lights
- Rails on Ramps
 - They are less pitch than the old ramps
 - Rails are not required for compliance
 - There will be about 3 feet on either side
 - Still working on retaining walls
 - Still working on getting plants in.
 - There will be access to and ADA compliant door
 - Sunday school wing
 - People nervous about not having rails should use the Sunday entry and take the stairs or use the elevator in the library.
 - Rails are able to be added at a later date at a cost of \$26,000.00
 - This is based on the cost of the first estimate from Jessie Construction.
 - In case of inclement weather
 - Usher/Greeters can assist persons in
 - Church does have a wheelchair
 - Those with walkers or canes are encouraged to use them
- TruLoc
 - Main Doors Next Year
 - Everyone needs to be vigilant to make sure all doors are secure when leaving the church.

President Report

- First Aid Kits
 - 2 Ordered: 1 for Church and 1 for Sunday School
- ELCA Website:
https://www.elca.org/Faith/Faith-and-Society/Current-Social-Writing-Projects/Civic-Life-and-Faith?_ga=2.193746538.673508016.1726232934-2053378071.1722885991
 - Support of people in Civic Life
 - Open for input
 - This is not required
 - Peter will send an email to board members with a link.

Tech Report:

- 4000 Minutes viewed on Youtube
 - Mostly the Sermon
- Hatfield
 - August 18-Karen from Calgary live streamed the service via her phone.
 - Something we could look into for next year.
 - Sound System add on more speakers
 - Look into a tripod for phone
- Auto Locks
 - The Doors are set to auto lock, we are not able to override with a key.
 - Training needed for auto locks
 - We have 4 admin licenses
 - Everyone needs to be mindful of security
 - Doors and Locks

Secretary Report

- Postponed no minutes to review.

Treasurer Report

- Offering in church is down
- Likely caused by donation in other church areas
- Program Expenses
 - 4000.00 Under Budget
- Operation Expenses
 - 2500.00 Under Budget
- Staff Expenses
 - 14000.00 Over Budget
- Income YTD: 208,955.18
- Expenses YTD: 210,972.47

- Summary: -2017.29
- No need for emergency fund to date
- Barb is going to work with Lizzie to make sure money is going to and from the write program.
 - Publications
 - Electronic Giving
- Finance team will be meeting 9/13.
- Tollack: Current
- Endowment: Current

- Motion to accept Report: Tasha
 - Second: Ashley
 - Motion Carries: 7:16

New Business

- Blessing Boxes
 - Harrison Street
 - Near Gather Entrance
 - Exact location to be determined
 - Due to Construction and Snow Removal
 - Why?
 - Someone who needs help likely won't want to be in the spotlight. So putting in front and center at church would be less effective.
 - The Methodist Church does a meal on Wednesdays. Someone could stop after that meal to get something for the next day.
 - Work on Restock Signage

Closing: Quotes: Power of Positivity Facebook page

- Lots of powerful meaningful quotes

Meeting Closed: 7:29

After Meeting: Outdoor Lights: THEY ARE SO BRIGHT! They look AMAZING.

Next Meeting: October 8, 2024 – 6:00 – ELC Gathering Area