

August 8, 2021

Pilgrim Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Ricky Wingard, Council President

Called Council to order: 11:36 a.m.

Jackie: Devotional

Visitors welcomed: Archie Trawick; Frank and Pat Chapman

Motion to accept May minutes, seconded, additions or corrections? Approved.

Motion to accept June minutes, seconded, additions or corrections? Approved.

Motion to accept July minutes, seconded, additions or corrections? Approved.

Once minutes are accepted, they can be published? Yes.

Kim is back, working part-time, will increase or decrease as needed

Melissa: Financial Report

Operating at a \$7,700 deficit

Not unusual during this time of year

Melissa will send report electronically to Ricky

Ministry Plan for 2022 needs to be planned, how to go forward

Mortgage is moving closer to getting under a million

Pastor's Report

Typical July, slow people come to office; met with Ricky each week as usual and

Necessary

Getting Kim back

I was gone last week (end of July) for vacation and honeymoon. David Caughman filled in.

Ricky: Pastor's wife, Stephanie

Proposal: Add wife to church insurance until she finds a new job

Julie: Youth car wash next (August 14). Starts at 10:00 a.m.

Susan: Sound equipment is back ordered

Perhaps other vendors can be approached

Little to no sound over facebook

In-house sound is okay

Both Will (drummer) & Catherine (organ & Piano), both students and will let Susan know if they can continue into the fall

Kim: Gearing up for appointments in place for security fire, sprinklers and all needs to happen this year; approximate cost of upgrades: \$1000

Thanks for Angie and all that they have done while people were out, quite appreciated;

Stepping in: Angie, Melissa

OLD BUSINESS

Mutual ministry evaluations are compiled and looking to get that team together to report to council

Team consisted of Council member and a few congregants who were asked to participate

Strategic Plan

Jimmy Metts is absent so no report

Stewardship Report (Ed)

August noisy offering went to Sister Care Shelter

Pledge cards will be distributed to congregation

October fest (Bill Walker)

Bill Spires is heading it up and currently he is in the Caribbean

May be held last week of September

Probably too late to have it in the Ice House in Town of Lexington

September 12, Rally Day

Reboot date, intended to reboot all groups, covered dish, getting people and events occurring on church property again

Ricky offered to help with a men (grilling) for whole congregation, kick off kind of day; covered dish (not grill)?

Last Sunday in August blessing backpacks?

ELCA, NALC discussion: last on the agenda

Parking lot: cost to resurface whole parking lot: \$47500, whole parking lot (2.5 inches)

Parking lot is breaking up, getting worse

Greg: get 4 people to discuss projects

Most important? Pressing items around the church. Prioritize.

Jackie: We do have a budget for maintenance?

Ricky: Any more old business?

NEW BUSINESS

NALC/ELCA Discussion

Basis of discussion: We never had a congregational meeting about the changes proposed by the ELCA regarding the definition of All Means All and our relationship with the ELCA.

Ricky provided guidelines before discussion started.

The Bible is not clear or we would not be having this discussion today. We all have our own opinions and beliefs about denominations and within our church.

Pat put together the comparison between the two denominations. It was distributed among council members.

The issue: at the National Synod meeting, the ELCA agreed to ordain pastors of the same sexual orientation.

What some congregants want now is that discussion.

If we were to have a congregational meeting about our relationship with the ELCA, how could we best go about it?

Discussion was had.

Clearly, some people will not be happy with the outcome and leave.

As long as there are people who are disgruntled, we need to have groups established to discuss and be heard.

Permission to consent to discussion: send out information. Support to have discussions or not (by Council)?

MOTION:

Carolyn D: We start a discussion about our views and relationship with ELCA and what methods and procedures will be used. Made and seconded. What does it mean to be a part of the ELCA?

Motion was not passed.

MOTION:

To have discussions on what All Means All. No second.

Visitors thanked Council for their time.

Pastor John can hold study groups/sessions around ELCA statements

Motion to adjourn; seconded.

Pastor John ended Council meeting with prayer.