

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church of East Bethel
19001 Jackson Street NE
East Bethel, MN 55011
Approved Minutes of the Regular Congregation Council Meeting
Thursday, August 10, 2017, 6:30 p.m. at OSLC

Members Present: Jan Berqual, Ben Bjornson, Holle Despen, Jim Jerylo, Terry Kolodjski, Mark Kramm, Pastor Dan Nordin, Deacon Glenndy Ose, Pastor Maria Pederson, Michelle Reichow, Connie Weigel.

Members Excused: Kathy Neuberger, Karen Schrecongost.

Members Absent: none

Guests Present: Cindy Delmonico.

President Michelle Reichow called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Treats were provided by Ben Bjornson.

Ben Bjornson led devotions.

Secretary's Report: Ben Bjornson moved to accept the minutes of the July 13, 2017 Regular Congregation Council Meeting. Motion carried.

Council Agenda Review: Michelle Reichow noted that there were no changes to the agenda.

Finance Report: Ben Bjornson distributed and explained the July 2017 Finance Report and the July 2017 Cash Flow Report. He noted that the finance team will meet in September to begin looking at the 2018 budget. Terry Kolodjski moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. The motion was approved.

Team Reports:

1. **Preschool:** Michelle Reichow shared the Human Resources Team's recommendation that Laurie Strike be hired as a preschool aide and Lisa Tharaldson be hired as a preschool floater. These salaries are paid for through the preschool fees. Mark Kramm moved to approve these HR hiring recommendations. The motion carried.
2. **Staff:** Cindy Delmonico reported that the staff had a visioning day. This was amazing and created many inspirational ideas, including a "sole drive", a shoe drive to provide shoes for kids in need at Cedar Creek Community School. The staff also enjoyed getting to know Kate Roettger, the new Director of Children and Family Ministries. She has lots of wonderful ideas for the Sunday School program.

3. **GaGa Pit Update:** Terry Kolodjski updated council on the progress of the creation of the GaGa pit. He shared that the new GaGa pit has been staked off. Concrete, which has been donated by Crosstown Concrete, will be poured soon. Brady Bigelbach hopes to have the GaGa pit finished by Labor Day weekend.
4. **Fall Family Fun Fest:** This event will be September 10. It is organized by OSLC support staff. Help is requested to run games and other events; please look for the sign up sheet. The food will be provided by the Guatemala Team.
5. **Columbarium:** Pastor Dan noted that this team is making exciting progress on the columbarium! They will meet Sunday to make decisions to determine how to use their money most effectively as they move forward in the building process.
6. **Building Team:** This new team was installed, and has begun to meet. They are in the process of listening to the OSLC congregation and staff to determine building needs.

Old Business:

1. **Stewardship/Capital Funds Appeal:** Council discussed data trends that Howard White, our Capital Funds Appeal consultant, compiled. Noting such trends helps council wisely consider the best approach to the Capital Funds Appeal.
2. **Road Update/Tyler Street Sewer and Water Hook-up:** The Tyler Street road construction is moving our way. The sewer is being laid under the roadbed, and then the road will be built on top. There will be sewer connection pieces that OSLC can connect to. Ed Dropps is communicating with the city to ensure all goes well for OSLC in this building process. The plan to trade dirt for creating the new OSLC driveway foundation to Tyler Street fell through, as the contractor did not need our dirt. Pastor Dan suggested we begin to dream of a new plan to pay for this. Council discussed possible solutions and next steps.

Celebration Moments

New Business:

1. **Mail Bag:** There was no mail to report.
2. **Report any Sale of Stock:** There were no sales of stocks to report.

Terry Kolodjski moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. The motion was seconded and approved.

Holle Despen, Secretary

Next regular council meeting: September 14, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

September Devotions: Holle Despen

September Treats: Karen Schrecongost