Atonement Lutheran Church

Church Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 17, 2019

In attendance: Corey Kirch – Vice President, Lora Vandevoorde – Secretary, Julie Geyer – Treasurer, Tim Wentworth, Joellyn Kacynski, and Pastor Brenda Crossfield

Absent: Jason Helgeson, Denise Martin, Jarred Kopkey, Leah Bergstrom, Al Gajeski, Josh Helgeson

Corey called the meeting called to order at 6:18pm.

***A quorum was not met, so no decisions could be made.***

**Committee reports** were sent electronically to the council. The following items were discussed:

* FORE – Very few attended the Homecoming Sunday. Some follow-up will be made.
* Christian Ed/VBS – Trunk or Treat event is on October 20th. An Advent film festival for the whole congregation will be on Saturday, November 23rd at 10:00am.
* Youth & Family – Pumpkin Patch visit didn’t happen. The weather didn’t cooperate and several people were sick.
* Properties – The committee will meet soon to get the Technology team as a sub-committee under Properties. Corey and others are working on wiring to the TV for choir/Pastor in the sanctuary. Jon’s and Pastor’s computers are experiencing technical issues – Corey is looking to replace these soon.
* Worship & Music – Confirmation is October 27th – the Council’s gift to each of the confirmands will be a hand cross. Pastor is working with Christ Community to have the Thanksgiving Eve service at their location. A survey was sent to the congregation about Christmas Eve service times. The results showed a tie between the 7pm and 9pm service times. The committee and the choir agreed to split the difference, so the Christmas Eve services will be 4:30pm and 8:00pm. Choir will sing at the 8:00 service.
* MPS – Budget process has started. Committee will meet October 29th to have a draft of the budget ready by Council’s November meeting.
* United 2 Serve – One distribution will be requested from council via email. Sara Helgeson is stepping down in January and Kris Ballard is joining the committee.

**Pastor’s Report**

Woodside is looking for new delegates from Atonement as the Lillich’s have moved away. Pastor Brenda is planning advent services. She will be on vacation the week following Christmas. She found a local supply pastor to fill in on Sunday, December 29th. A task force was formed to research a replacement software for Revelations. They have met a few times and narrowed it down to three options. Once a decision is made, the cost of the software will need to be added to the 2020 budget.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Julie reviewed the treasurer’s report for September. Actual revenues are about even with budget and we are underbudget by $12,300 in expenses through September. Year-to-date net income is $5,700. The budget expected a loss of $6,700 by this time, so we’re in a great position right now. One CD was cashed out last month to have cash available for the furnaces this fall. A large CD will be cashed out next month and some of it will be reinvested.

**Old Business**

1. Reimagine Church – the group has a meeting next Wednesday, October 23rd. No other update from members in attendance.
2. Crossways capital campaign – this wrapped up last Sunday. Pledges so far are over $4,000 and more could be coming in this Sunday.

**New Business**

1. Nominating Committee – Reminder that council members whose terms end in December should be considering potential replacements.
2. Hall Rental Request – A pastor from Colombia is looking to use our church, specifically the fellowship hall, as a place to start a Colombian church. His requested meeting times are 7-9pm on Thursdays and Sundays. Legal and religious concerns were brought up. Pastor noted the ELCA doesn’t have problems with other denominations worshipping in the same building as an ELCA congregation. Communication with them has been tough, so Pastor Brenda and Joellyn will ask Jairo for his assistance. They will get more information and bring it back to council for discussion next month. If this is approved by the council, an agreement would need to be drawn up.
3. Student parking lot pass policy – Pastor Brenda would like this policy to be clarified regarding who qualifies for a parking pass. Usually this is only for students who are members of the congregation. Discussion regarding current parking violations and who should qualify for a pass. Discussion will continue at the November meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:22pm.

**Next Meeting** is scheduled for November 21, 2019 at 6:00pm. *Please inform the church office if you will not be in attendance.*

Respectfully submitted,

Lora Vandevoorde, Church Council Secretary