Chisago Lake Evangelical Lutheran Church
Church Council Meeting
March 12, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Lee Peterson at 7:11.

Members Present: Pastor Taryn, Janie Briggs, Anna Burch, Chris Ruser Lee Peterson, Gloria Peterson, Sue Abrahamson, Dave Reed, Jenni Runte, and Gary Anderson

Members Absent: none

Opening Prayer/Evening Meditation: Pastor Taryn led the evening meditation based on Luke 13:1-9.

Approval of the Agenda: Pastor Taryn requested we add, "Nursery" to "New Business." Chris Ruser moved to approve the agenda as amended. Gary Anderson seconded. All in favor. The agenda was approved as amended.

Approval of Minutes: Correction: In the February minutes, Anna Burch voted as a nay to the motion regarding funding from 3M for property projects. Dave Reed moves to approve the February minutes as amended. Jenni Runte seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.

Treasurer's Report: We are $22,724 behind for the year. The bad weather may have kept church goers away, and heat and snow plowing costs were high. It was noted that $964 of bazaar money was found in the money drawer which made the profits from the bazaar higher than reported. This additional money also caused us to end the 2018 year in the black, and not slightly in the red as previously reported. Pastor Taryn talked about the gift of online giving to the congregation. Dave Reed moves to approve the Treasurer's Report. Lee Peterson seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.

Pastor's Report:

- The directory is nearing completion. We are looking for volunteers to help take photos of shut-ins. Please contact the church office if you are willing to help.
- Volunteer Day: bulletin boards were updated, painting projects have taken place, and misc. small projects
- Working with 3M on thank you policy, perpetual fund vs. endowment fund, encouragement of "giving while living," and questions regarding the Gladys Johnson Scholarship
- April 9th Becky Palmgren from the ELCA Foundation will be a guest speaker
- Time and Talents sheet is ready to fill out (either a hard copy or on the new website)
- Brown Bag Bible Study is taking place on Wednesdays.
- Council Retreat will be Sunday, March 31st.
- Working with Stacy to plan the "Welcome to the Table" event for kids interested in learning about communion
- Prepping for Holy Week and Easter services
- April 29-May 2nd, Pastor Taryn will be attending a Stewardship Conference in Indianapolis as part of her continuing education

Committee Reports

- Christian Education
  - A meeting took place to discuss ideas for faith formation programs. Parents received a letter which asked them to complete a survey and attend a meeting in order to gather ideas of where CLLC would like to take faith formation classes.
- Property
  - Last year we approved Central Roofing to provide upkeep and maintenance on our flat roof. Central Roofing is recommending replacement on 2021.
  - LED Conversion: A CLLC member and electrician looked over the LED lighting bid CLLC obtained and thought the bid looked good. CLLC will get more feedback from the bidding company in terms of payback rate (approximately 2 years) if we would install the LED lights, as in the original bid the payback was based on 50 hours a week (property believes the 50 hours a week for all light usage is high). Property discussed the possibility of replacing lights over time, but will wait until the final bid with accurate light usage is completed.
  - Bluhm Construction will create an updated bid for the parsonage driveway.
  - Architect: ELCA Mission Investment Fund will come to do an assessment on CLLC church property (signage, welcoming, what are options for projects). The consulting architect that was here in 2013 will be returning. This will help us be forward thinking in terms of projects. This consulting is a free service.
  - Water: with all the melting snow and rain, we have had water come in. Property discussed a possible re-grading/re-working of the sidewalks of the "hot" spots where the water is coming in
- Youth
  - Planning for Palm Sunday Breakfast has begun. The money earned goes towards youth and the youth mission trip to Denver.
- Stewardship
  - After reviewing in committee, stewardship recommends a new program, "Stewardship for All Seasons," which has a focus on yearlong giving. The St. Paul Area Synod has been using it, and was looking for 8 churches to become a cohort which would share ideas. This program is through an outside organization that works with stewardship. As part of the program, CLLC will be provided with a lead consultant who will walk us through the yearlong process (starts in May). The average increase using this program is 10%. The program costs $2,500 with an additional $1,500 for travel. The synod will reimburse $1,500. The program has an expectation that churches who participate have professionally designed graphics on all communications. We have the option to find someone within our congregation or hire a graphic designer through the synod. Our stewardship budget currently contains $1,800. Jenni Runte moves that we authorize the stewardship committee to use their budgeted funds to move ahead with the year round stewardship program, "Stewardship for All Seasons," and ask 3M to cover the additional costs. Gary Anderson seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.

- 3M
    - Discussed top five projects recommended by council to proceed with (parsonage driveway, sewer, elevator, bathroom architect, and organ repairs). 3M agreed they have money to cover these five projects. CLLC will be getting another bid on the sewer.
    - Gladys Johnson Scholarship--was available to anyone. Trustees would rather not deal with Wells Fargo. 3M is discussing if we should do this in house or find another bank. There are no surviving relatives to confer with, so 3M will uphold the family's original wishes as much as possible.

Old Business

- Summer Service
    - A discussion was held on the format, time(s), and day(s) for the summer service. Many possibilities were discussed. Sue Abrahamson moved that for the summer, we have one service at 9:00 with the worship service that represents diverse styles. This worship will be coordinated by staff. Dave Reed seconds. All in favor. Motion passes.
- Old Business
    - Council Retreat will be in the club room at Parmly at noon on Sunday, March 31st.

New Business:

- Mailboxes
    - This discussion will be tabled until next time
- Current Water Issues and Expenses
    - When we do have water leaks, it takes time and manpower to clean up. Council recommended that persons currently under contract with CLLC be contacted in case there is a need for clean-up.
- Nursery
    - Youth and Chris Ed had conversation about the room which houses costumes at the bottom of the stairs and turning it into a nursery-type room.

Other: Gloria Peterson serves on the Caring Hands and Worship and Music Committee. Jenni Runte will serve on finance.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:41. Gary Anderson motions to adjourn and Dave Reed seconds. All in favor.

Closing Prayer/ Adjournment
Next meeting April 11h, 2019 devotions and refreshments by Chris Ruser

Respectfully submitted,
Janie Briggs, Secretary