

**Epiphany Lutheran Church
Church Council Meeting
August 13, 2019**

Attendance: Lynn Chrisman, Kevin Saionzkowski, Bill Smith, Darlene Bell, Pastor Brad Gee, Dave Zimmer, Beth Klamo, Lynn Rigelman, Jill Schellhase, Lori Toms-McMullen, Tonya Brown and Scott Gardner.

Excused: Jim Pence, Margie Maurer, Lindsay Harmon-Matthews, and Bill Merriman.

Guest: Barry Halter.

Call to Order: Lynn Chrisman called the meeting to order.

Opening Prayer: Barry led Council in prayer.

Devotion: Dave led devotion on Matthew 10. God's presence is unmistakable in Council meetings. We listen with grace. Jesus invites us to travel light and trust God for everything. Hand everything off to God so we can travel light.

Minutes: Council dispensed with the reading of the June 13, 2019 Minutes. After motion by Dave Zimmer and second by Scott Gardner, motion carried to approve these Minutes. Council met with Evan in July for an update on survey responses and community leader interviews. After motion by Darlene Bell and second by Bill Smith, motion carried to accept July as written.

Treasurer's Report/Approval:

Year-to-date as of July 31, 2019, Gifts exceeded Expenses by \$10,725. Gifts are ahead of budget by \$8,473. Generally, there are positive variances in all expense categories other than Building Ops, insurance variance due to timing of payment, copier/tech, Congregational Life, and Benevolence.

There is nothing unusual to report on Large Disbursements. The monthly bank reconciliation has an unreconciled variance of \$726.35.

Fund balances are: Gifts and Furnishings \$76,391; Share the Light \$7,777; Unrestricted Savings \$84,942; 2021 National Youth Gathering \$8,003; Nonbudgeted Funds \$8,666; and Capital Campaign Fund \$154,655.

Bank Balances in the Operating Accounts are \$343,306 and Endowment Cash & Investments is \$202,695.

January 2019 data entry into Church Windows is complete and the operating account is reconciled. In the process, one of the items causing the reconciliation to be off is accumulation of interest in our money market account. It earns about \$300 a month. Money Market account

interest accumulated in the NB fund is \$2,113 as of July 31, 2019. There is an opportunity to use that money for something.

After motion by Beth Klamo and second by Tonya Brown, motion carried to approve the June and July Treasurer's Reports as written.

Pastor's Agenda:

Total giving as of today for the Kids for Kids project is \$5,495. They are building a sustainable program helping families.

Paul and Becky Tumidolsky are leaders of Boy Scout Troop 1147. They currently meet at Seton Parish. Due to changes at Seton, they are requesting that Epiphany host this troop. Meetings are on Thursdays from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., which timeframe is available. Epiphany would provide moral and prayerful support. After discussion, one issue to get clarification on is storage space. After motion by Pastor Brad and second by Darlene Bell, motion carried that Epiphany be the sponsoring congregation of Boy Scout Troop 1147 after clarification regarding storage space.

Jeff, Ali and Barry met with Pastor Brad. They will be offering a four-week preaching and music theme that will be a nice way to kick off the Fall season.

Committee Reports/Roundtable:

Budget and Finance: Budgets are due the end of August. If nothing is received, your budget will remain the same for 2020. We will have budget highlights to the congregation two weeks before the annual meeting.

Congregational Life: The Committee had a hike on June 22, a Clippers outing in coordination with the 55+ group on June 22, and assisted the Evangelism Committee with the July 3rd gathering.

Upcoming initiatives: Assist Social Services with Gods Work Our Hands on September 8. The golf outing to benefit the youth scheduled for July 14 has been postponed and is now scheduled for September 15 at Pine Hills. We also discussed briefly plans for the next women's retreat for the last Saturday in January 2020.

Christian Education: Epiphany U is scheduled for September, October, November and then January to April. Walter's "Chasing the Sunrise" classes in September are scheduled for 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner.

Financial Secretary: Nothing to report.

Pre-School Board: School starts the Tuesday after Labor Day.

Property: After motion by Scott Gardner and second by Jill Schellhase, motion carried to replace the lights and fixtures to illuminate our parking lot and LED lighting over the sanctuary at a cost of \$4000 which includes the lift rental.

Social Services: Brunch bag food give away over the summer was not as successful as we had hoped in the number of families served. We did have new volunteers with a lot of them coming from outside our congregation. The people we served did not talk a lot but they were very much in need of this service. We served between 6 and 15 kids every week and we gave away lots of books. We advertised on the sign in front of the church, on note cards on the wall in the food pantry, and on social media.

We are starting to collect items for Gods Work Our Hands. We are now in our fourth year and participation has dropped.

Stewardship: A stewardship kick off meeting with be held on August 20 with Mike Ward.

Worship and Music: Nothing to report.

Youth: Nothing to report.

Old Business/New Business:

Terms on Council that will be ending this year are Secretary, Congregational Life, Christian Education, Property, Stewardship, Worship and Music, and Youth. The congregation needs to vote on Lynn Rigelman, Kevin Saionzkowski, and Dave Zimmer at the annual meeting.

Two outgoing Council members plus two members of the congregation will comprise the Nominating Committee.

The Annual Congregation Meeting will be held on December 8.

Next Meeting: September 10 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment: Lynn led Council in the Lord's Prayer and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Bell, Secretary