

November Council Minutes

The OSLC Council met Tuesday, November 10, 2015 in Classroom #1 beginning at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Dayna Bathe, Rick Comley, Jim Dunham, Madelyn Galloway, Linda Goerger, Joyce Johnson, Lisa Jones, Ron Lacey, Mike Langford, Pastor Pat McLaughlin, Kristi Nash, Marilyn Snell and Travis Zamzow. Unable to attend were Dale Holecek and Sarah Seidel.

DEVOTION and Prayer were given by Jim Dunham.

MINUTES were approved as written.

FINANCE report was approved as presented.

- Offerings in October were up, which allowed October to close with a net increase in cash of \$3,115.19. Year-to-date, however, the cash balance is down \$(47,654.02). [From a historical note: In 2013, at the end of October, the year-to-date cash balance was down \$(43,936.51), however, by the end of December, the cash balance closed with an increase of \$5,573.98 for the year.]
- Cash receipts for October totaled \$45,988.23. The 10-month average for cash receipts is \$43,728.41, which is a 10% decrease over the 12-month average of \$48,846.97 for cash receipts per month in 2014.
- Disbursements for October totaled \$42,873.04. The 10-month average for cash disbursements is \$48,564.59, which is a 6% increase over the 12-month average of \$45,897.15 for disbursements per month in 2014.
- Prosperity Bank savings account earned \$19.84 of interest in October at an annual rate of 0.20%. The Mission Investment Fund earned \$25.69 of interest in September (posted in October) at an annual rate of 0.70%.
- Despite the increase in cash for October, the General Operating Fund had a decrease of \$(2,665.34) in October and is down \$(41,781.98) for the year.
- The Mortgage fund benefited the most from the increase in cash in October. The fund balance for the Mortgage Fund increased \$6,996.40 in October, and is up \$906.31 for the year. Contributions to the Mortgage Fund totaled \$20,859.97 in October. The mortgage payment of \$13,863.57 applied \$10,538.40 to principal and \$3,325.17 to interest.
- The ending principal balance on the building note is \$763,307.90.
- Memorial funds totaling \$155 were received during October in memory of Ed Kruse and Clara Scott.
- The Noisy Offering collected in October to help with flooding relief for the South Carolina Synod totaled \$390.73.

PASTOR'S REPORT

- Pastor Pat reinforced the devotion presented to open the meeting that focused on thanks and appreciation by thanking Sally Lacey, Christine Larsen and congregation members for their contributions the past week.
- Plans for 13 new members to be received during the Sunday, November 15 service with 3 others to be received in the near future were announced. Preparations being

made for 6 to 10 others to attend the next Howdy class.

- Average attendance for the 13 services held since Pastor Pat has been with OSLC is 192 members, excluding the installation service.
- Pastor Pat shared some thoughts that will be presented for formal discussion in the upcoming months to plan for growth, upgrades and maintenance.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Youth and Family Council Representative - Following discussion and additional alternatives to consider, Council tabled a decision on the Youth and Family team lead. Council will continue search for a team leader.
- 75th Anniversary Celebration
 - ◆ Discussed plans for upcoming service and meal. Council members will lead coordination and set up of meal and kitchen duties
 - ◆ Bonnie Horak was recognized and thanks given for the lovely banner made to commemorate the event

NEW BUSINESS:

- Building Use - no objections were received from Council to a request made by Jerry Markowich to hold an AARP Driver Safety Class at the church; dates to be coordinated with the Church office as a building use request

TEAM:

- Community Needs: Madelyn Galloway provided a written report in advance:
 - ◆ Habitat for Humanity Pumpkin Patch was a success; final totals to be announced at next Faith in Action meeting
 - ◆ 18 walkers from OSLC participated in the Crop Hunger Walk October 18 raising \$1,195
 - ◆ OSLC will host Family Promise November 29 – December 6
 - ◆ Names and wishes are being requested from Family Promise and Still Creek Ranch for the Angel Tree to be set up after Thanksgiving; gifts will need to be returned to OSLC mid-December to ensure Christmas delivery
- Ministry: A written report was e-mailed to Council prior to the meeting.
 - ◆ Home Communion dates scheduled: Nov 15 & Dec 13, 2015 and Jan 17, Feb 14, March 13, 2016
- Fellowship: A written report was e-mailed to Council prior to the meeting. Kristi Nash reported:
 - ◆ The Fall Festival held October 25 was a great success with over 200 in attendance. Thanks was given to volunteers and those in attendance
 - ◆ Quarterly Birthday Dinners will be discontinued at this time due to low attendance at recent gatherings
 - ◆ Fellowship Committee will host the annual Christmas Program and lunch on December 13 and Christmas Caroling with a date to be determined
 - ◆ Lifers group will start meeting again in January

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- Outreach: Lisa Jones provided a written report and summary of the following:
 - ◆ Thirteen new members will join our congregation on Sunday, November 15th during the 75th Anniversary celebration service. The new members are Cady Auckerman & David Ernstes with daughter Holly; Jason, Sarah, daughter Allie Rogers; Tom & Mary Longbrake; Angie Weiss; Pastor Pat, Will & Erin McLaughlin and Jana Plemmons. Three more new members will be received into our congregation in December. They are Shirley Lemke and Tiffany & Robby Railsback.
 - ◆ The Outreach Team thanks all those who generously volunteered to prepare meals for the Treehouse Ministry students this fall
 - Parish Education: Sara Seidel provided a written summary prior to the meeting which included:
 - ◆ Last day of Fall Sunday school is 11/22/15
 - ◆ Christmas Program practices will be held during Sunday School on 11/29 and 12/6 and the morning of 12/12. Angie Weiss is directing the program to be held 12/13 during late service
 - ◆ Sunday School will:
 - ⇒ Be adopting an angel with Sunday School Offerings
 - ⇒ Resume January 24th, 2016
 - ⇒ Everyone is asked to spread the word and meet Sunday, November 15th after the potluck lunch in classroom 1, for an informational meeting to kickoff "A Meaningful Christmas". This is a family/child centered Advent devotion and ornament exchange. 24 people are needed to make the devotion and exchange work. OSLC members as well as friends and family outside of OSLC are welcome. The cost of the devotion is \$10.50. The group will meet on the 15th and one other time before December 1st. The devotion is done at home with your family.
 - Property: Mike Langford reported that the condensing and evaporation system has been installed and talks are being held with the contractor regarding areas that continue to leak.
 - Stewardship/Financial Secretary: Linda Goerger provided a written report prior to the meeting along with analysis; Linda and Joyce Johnson answered question from the Council regarding pledges, giving and stewardship packages.
 - Worship and Music: Ron Lacey provided a written report prior to the meeting:
 - ◆ The 75th Anniversary service will be on November 15 at 10:00 am followed by a congregational meeting and a meal.
 - ◆ The WELCA Thank Offering service will be November 22. The first Sunday in Advent is November 29.
 - ◆ Don Hannemann and Lori Ross have volunteered to coordinate the set-up and decoration of the Christmas tree for the season.
 - ◆ Wednesday night Advent services will be held starting December 2 at 6:45 pm with the services led by the confirmation class and a soup supper to precede the service beginning at 6:00 pm. Council teams to volunteer to coordinate soup supper meals; sign up to be made available for sign-ups for congregation to provide soup on 12/2, 12/9 and 12/16.
 - ◆ The Christmas program will be at the 10:45 service on December 13. There will be three services on Christmas Eve at 4:00, 7:00, and 11:00 pm.
 - ◆ Shared concerns expressed regarding the lack of the PowerPoint during the 8:00 am service and reported he has encouraged them to speak with Pastor Pat
 - ◆ Reminded all that there will be only one service on November 15 at 10:00 am for the Anniversary service
 - Youth and Family: Pastor Pat will ask Angie Weiss to lead the coordination of the Youth Silent Auction to be held during the Christmas Pot Luck Luncheon
 - WELCA
 - ◆ Marilyn Snell thanked team for the work of the past week
 - ◆ WELCA Thank Offering Service will be held November 22 with Pastor Craig Borchardt leading worship. Lori Benn and Christine Larsen are planning the program.
- OTHER BUSINESS:
- Pastor Pat communicated upcoming schedule and requested time off the last Sunday in December. Pastor Sue will lead worship.
- ADJOURNMENT:
With no further business the meeting closed with prayer led by Pastor Pat.
- Respectfully submitted,
Dayna Bathe, Council Secretary