

Council Report

September, 2011

Present: Pastor Jim Schwarz, Karen Hayes, Bonnie Ehrke, Jaime Lewellin, Holly Loomis, Paul Kaare
Not Present: Peggy Luther, Kurt Klemp, Kristen Lien, Steve Wagner, Elizabeth Kaashagen

NOTE: A quorum was not present. The meeting will be continued with discussion only.

September 20, 2011. Meeting called to order at 6:35 PM by Bonnie Ehrke.

Opening Devotions: Pastor Jim read from "Living in God's Amazing Grace". He also requested that we remember and pray for Cynthia Burnside, wife of Bishop Burnside, who is ill and suffering.

Paul Kaare was present to discuss the damage to the Parsonage on Labor Day weekend. A large mature tree fell on the house doing damage to the gutter and roof. Paul had a CD of pictures that he presented to council to show the damage. Alliant Energy was called, and responded, immediately. Paul patched the roof temporarily. Church Mutual was contacted and provided copies of all pictures. They require a written quote. Paul will obtain these quotes and provide them to the adjuster.

Paul also brought to our attention the sad and untimely death of the Simplicity Riding mower. Cary Rucks uses this for hauling and clean up. Cary has requested that the replacement have a snowblower attachment. Paul will check with Midstate on the availability of any used equipment as well as continue to monitor Craig's List and other local newspapers. Julie will also put a notice in the Newsletter. In addition, Bonnie will speak with the Cemetery committee regarding the equipment they own to see if this is something that could be shared. Council will have to agree on a budget for the new mower at the October meeting.

Holly Loomis reviewed with Council the contents of the Safe Deposit box. This contained 4 CD's, Legal agreements, inventory list and a video.

Via email, Peggy indicated that she will extend an invitation to Pastor and Ann Marie Schowalter. We are initially looking at October 9th or November 13th. Council will serve coffee hour if no one else is signed up.

It has been brought to the attention of the staff that some parents do not like certain information regarding their children published. The main item brought up was birthdays. For the time being, the birthdays have been removed from the calendar until Council can discuss further in October.

Pastor Jim plans to attend continuing education at Luther Seminary in October.

Pastor Jim requested our thoughts on if EKLC would be interested in hosting a Thanksgiving service on Tuesday, November 22nd for the Cambridge area. Council present was in favor. Additional votes to be gathered via email.

Confirmation will begin this week. As of now, there are 16 registrants.

We received a thank you letter from the Lindstroms. They wanted to extend their thanks for our support of their translation of the Mali people. The translators are available for visits. Dates will be requested from John and Amy.

Call Process Update. Things are moving. Carroll updated the congregation this past Sunday. Pastor attended the Interim Meeting and said he was notified that one nominee is now interviewing elsewhere due to delay.

Danielson Memorial. This account is earning interest. \$2,000 will be transferred for the Sunday School and \$1,100 will be transferred for ELCA Good Gifts. An additional \$500 was requested for the Library/Historical Rooms for miscellaneous items.

Sunday School Paint. Good news....this was found to not be mold but was actually calcium deposits. Kurt has been diligently working on cleaning and painting these rooms.

Military Roll of Honor. This board needs to be updated. Kurt will work to update with funds from the Danielson Memorial.

Information from Church Mutual regarding the new Concealed/Carry bill that has passed was shared. Insurance will not be affected by this new bill.

Lord's Prayer.

Meeting adjourned.