Tuesday, November 5, 2024

In Attendance: Joan Simons, Bill Simons, Austin Becker, Ken Ritt, Monica Edwards, Kim Mury-Reese

Joan Opened with Prayer

Call to Order: 6:58pm

Minutes from October read and approved with corrections

Financial Treasurer Report—Ken

See Attached Documents

Subtract $1,000 from report due to the cost of the new locks

Financial Secretary—Monica

See Attached Documents

Elder's Report—Austin

See Attached Documents.

October was a lean month in terms of giving and attendance. There was an average of 19 people in attendance this month.

Austin plans to reach out to the Barbers this month. The Greenstocks will be coming back part-time. Floyd is having vehicle issues. Monica will call Floyd to see if he will want a home visit vs. someone to assist with transportation. Kim Schulz and family will be attending her new husband's church. The Kirkchoff family has been sick.

Pastor's Report—N/A

Trustee's Report—Bill

Please see attached report.

The new locks have been installed for the church doors. There are 4 keys to the front doors. These keys will need to be monitored. The Master Code for the back door has been set. Council has voted to change the code to something less generic. Plan to have a spare key to the back door hidden in case the battery for the lock dies.

Painting the parking lot side of the church is estimated to cost $1000. Council agrees to move forward with this painting project. Ken suggests that payment for the project be submitted with two checks under $600.

Audrey will no longer be vacuuming the sanctuary. Will need to have a new sign-up sheet for this.

The congregation is requesting a paved or graveled parking lot. This is a future project, pending budget.

Request has also been made to re-paint the front and back doors. Either Bill will complete, or it will be included in Roger's Community Service Project.

Fellowship Outreach Coordinator Report—Monica

Oktoberfest was a success

Old Business

Investment Strategy—Council agreed to delete this for now

December 29, 2024 is our next 5th Sunday Celebration. Theme will be a New Year's Celebration. Plan will be to serve Brunch and Champaign. Joan will handle publicity for the event.

Bill spoke to the Family Readiness Office on Base and was directed to the Chaplain's office.

Advent: Council will meet at 1:00pm on November 23, 2024 to help stage decorations for after service on Nov. 24, 2024. Plan to have pizza delivered to the church for the decorators. Decorations will also be put on the outside sign. Joan has wreathes for the front doors.

Outreach projects: Church has collected $228 for DSS so far. Deadline for donations is 11/16/24.

Church is also raising money for the Lion's club by helping with the sale of Poinsettias. Church members have until 11/24/24 to purchase.

Wreathes Across America event will happen on 12/14/24 at 12:00pm. Church members will meet at the Cemetery if interested. We have received a $250 donation from Thrivent to assist with this project. Additional wreathes can be purchased individually for $17. Will need orders for the wreathes by 12/3/24

New Business

Ken discussed the budget for the coming year. The new budget is based on current contributions by the congregation.

Our church has not given any money to the Synod this year. Council has agreed to send the Synod $200.

Monica wishes to put money budgeted for Music Director's travel into the Pastor Pay.

Discussion held about re-budgeting to raise Pastor Pay to close to $50,000 to make the position more lucrative for our potential new Pastor. Joan made a motion to make Pastor Salary $50,000. Bill seconded.

Council discussed obtaining Christmas present for our current Pastors. Plan to request contributions from the congregation to assist with gifts. Plan to start collecting contributions this week. Gift Cards were discussed as potential gifts.

Utilities budget has been increased for next year. Insurance bill has also increased. Maintenance/Construction budget was decreased. Budget for the telephone/office supplies/tax prep and publicity has also been increased. (Refer to handout)

Annual Meeting/Election Meeting will be held with the Congregation on December 1, 2024. The new Budget will be presented at this meeting and will be held directly after service. Offices up for election are the President, Secretary, Financial Treasurer and Sunday school Superintendent.

Audrey is no longer teaching Weekday Bible study.

Call Process

New Pastor Contract discussed and approved. Joan will send contract out via Priority Mail. Pastor Sigmon has 30-90 days to respond to the call. Council discussed having Pastor Sigmon visit.

December 9, 2024 will be next meeting date

Closed with the Lord's Prayer at 8:31pm