

Church Council Minutes October 16, 2016

Present: President Darrel Klemp, Al Meiers, George Peters, Glen Peebles (late excused)

Excused: Lisa Wollenberg, Dave Rohrer **Guests:** Owen & Sue Poole, Ralph & Jean Mueller, Pastor Maria Sabin

President Darrel Klemp called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m. Ralph Mueller read a prepared devotion and Pastor Marcia Sabin offered a prayer to open the meeting.

The minutes of the 9-18-2106 Church Council Meeting were approved. Al Meiers motioned and George Peters 2nd.

The Pastors Report was given by Pastor Sabin. She has made six contacts in the last month. One of which has since resulted in the family transferring to Immanuel, Seymour. The Pastor asked for prayers for all six families. Pastor Sabin reported that a letter recently sent out by President Darrel Klemp regarding Ascension updates, had been received and read by the families. The visits have been very cordial.

Treasurers/Finance Report- In the absence of Treasurer Lisa Wollenberg, a printed copy of her report was handed out to all present. It appears that we are in good shape financially at this time of the year. A question was brought up on how the interim status has affected church attendance. Darrel indicated that his guess was about on the average 10 less per Sunday. Report was accepted as printed.

Committee Reports- No report from Education, Evangelism, Stewardship, Worship, Youth, via Council member liaisons.

Properties- A maintenance list draft working document was reviewed briefly. Things can be added as needed.(see "Walk around")

Correspondence- An application for membership has been received by the Steve Kienast family. Al Meiers motioned to accept their membership and George Peters 2nd. Motion passed.

President Darrel Klemp read a letter by Bishop Bradosky highlighting the upcoming NALC Pastors conference being held this spring in Orlando, Florida. Pastor Sabin indicated she might be interested, though it is expensive.

Old Business-Call Committee- Al Meiers reported that Pastor Wendell has sent one more new profile. The committee is setting up times to contact, call and interview the new candidate. Profiles are coming in faster resulting in quicker response and evaluation of candidates. Darrel inquired whether the congregation should look into the possibility of calling a pastor into a less than full-time position. It will be discussed by the call Committee in the future. If it is felt that is our next option, Greg Schoettler would have to incorporate that change into our congregation profile.

Community Dinner/Food Pantry- Glen Peebles noted an Oktoberfest theme coming this Wed.

NALC/NALS Update- Nothing has been sent to the congregations this month. Senior Ministry Webinars can be viewed online.

Projects in Progress- Various options were discussed regarding the **shed approach**. Due to the lateness of the year and busyness of contractors, getting an independent crew to finish the project would be our best bet. Jean Mueller offered to coordinate an effort to put a wood ramp with weather treated lumber in the next few weeks. Questions about the durability of that solution resulted in a motion to get a church crew to put in a cement ramp ASAP. Al Meiers was to head up this project with George

Peters and anyone else who wanted to help Motion Glen Peebles and George 2nd. The **Flooring Project** is up to \$9400 as of this Sunday. No other projects were mentioned.

Supply-Interim Pastor Status- Interim Pastor Marcia Sabin said all was working fine and that she was amenable to continue on in this capacity.

Grant Writing- Due to Dr. T. L. Christen's absence grant writing was tabled for this month.

Church Walk Around- The discussion centered around how to tackle the simple short-term projects listed on the working document. It was suggested to promote a Church Projects Day on the same day, Oct. 29 as the Cemetery Cleanup Day. It would be announced at church today and also put in the next Sunday's bulletin as well.

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service- The traditional service will be held this year on Monday, Nov. 21 here at Ascension with Reverend Moira Finley ,pastor at UCC in Shiocton , preaching.

Deer Hunters Service- The annual Deer Hunters service will be held on Wed. Nov. 16 starting at 7:00 p.m. It will be held in conjunction with the November Community Dinner. Pastor Sabin will be leading the services.

New Business-Landscaping Entryway- Ralph Mueller noted that the plan is to have Lakeshore Cleaners Landscaping renovate the church entryway yet this fall. Lakeshore will prepare the area before winter comes. In spring, the sedum and grasses will be placed in their spots. The proposed project will be covered with funds. George motioned approve and Glen Peebles seconded the project. Motion passed.

Haiti's Children- Gladys Mungo relates that Hurricane Matthew devastated the area in which she lives. The area needs financial support along with many tarps. Darrel made a motion that Ascension take \$400 from their Agape Fund and send it directly via Pay Pal to Gladys. Also, any tarps that people could spare should be brought to church by next Sunday. Heather Goodacre will coordinate the effort and drive the tarps down to southern Wisconsin to be shipped later to Haiti. Motion passed.

Next Council Meeting Date- The next council meeting is on Sunday, November 27 at 8 a.m. The reason for changing it to the 4th Sunday of that month is Deer Hunting starts on Nov. 20.

Adjournment- Glen Peebles motioned and George Peters 2nd the meeting to adjourn at 9:12 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ralph Mueller , Secretary Pro-tem