

Congregational Council Meeting

April 17, 2018

Highlights

The Council was presented the final document of the Long Range Plan by Carol Orenstein and Julie Pinkerton and the Approval Document was accepted and signed.

- Treasurer Ed Crary indicated that our financials and expenses are tracking above the budget. This will carry us over the summer when the Seasonal members are not here. He has begun working on the 2019 Budget.
- Bookkeeper Marty Light has retired and they hope to have a replacement in May.
- A financial review was conducted by a committee chaired by Erwin Nesvacil, CPA with just a few items that were noted and rectified.
- Pastor thanked everyone for allowing him to attend a continuing education seminar at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN and for all the work everyone did to make the Easter Week wonderful.
- The HR committee is working on policies to be used for hiring and job descriptions. The written documents will be ready soon.
- The Council recognized the extraordinary work of the staff by giving them Visa gift cards as a thank you.
- All committees are meeting regularly and much is being accomplished....Highlights are:
 - Worship & Music has had an anonymous donor offer to pay the expenses to have Pr. Paul Oman return again next year.
 - Youth & Family is hoping to have more volunteers for VBS so that it will run smoothly. 24 persons attended the Family Camp at Luther Springs. 9 youth and 4 adults will be attending the Youth Gathering in Houston. They have a few more fundraisers planned and hope that they will raise the required amount of money.
 - Stewardship is planning the Fall Campaign
 - Property has a Dell laptop computer (donated by the Zentners) that is now always available for groups wanting to do power point presentations. This will make it consistent so everyone will only have one system to operate.
 - Fellowship reminded all that the Annual Picnic is at 4 pm with entertainment before the dinner at 5:30 pm. It is being held at Maxine Barrett Park Gazebo on Thursday May 17th.
 - Christian Education has received our surveys and is planning opportunities for learning. They are looking for a few more members on the committee.
 - Outreach continues to have programs to feed the hungry and indicated that we will have Family Promise here soon. One single Mom and her 3 children who have been in Family Promise have secured housing and will no longer need to participate.

- Nominating has need for several positions to be filled for the coming year— Nominating, Stewardship and Property.
- WELCA reports that they are continuing to explore ways to get more women involved.
- Youth Representative Emily Bernier's monthly observation is that she is impressed with the cooperation among Council members and how much gets done.