**Council Meeting Minutes**

**Date 1/11/2022**

**Call to order:** President Brandon Rusche called the meeting of TELC council to order at 7:00 pm.

**Roll Call:** Brandon Rusche, Sharon Gradert, Sandy Olson, Sheryl Peters, John French, Paul Hensch, Luci Ferrin, Adam Henning, Luc Johnson, Steve Onken, Brenda Rosenberg, Arlene Kuehl, and Pastor Nappe.

**Devotions and Prayer:** Pastor led devotions reading from Luke 4 and Isaiah on what we are called to do. He followed with prayer.

**Pastor’s Report:**

Worship services in December:

\*December 5, Communion, Attendance – 94

\*December 12, Sunday School Christmas Program, Attendance – 122

\*December 19, Continuous Communion, Attendance – 80

\*December 24, Christmas Eve Candlelight, Communion, Attendance – 193

\*December 26, No Sunday School, Attendance – 47

Visitation:

I had nursing home services on December 8th at all three facilities

\*Communed 3 at Country View Manor

\*Visited 1 at Specialty Care

\*Communed 1 at Heartwood Heights

\*Visited 5 people in their homes, sharing communion with 4 of them, 2 were not members

\*Participated several times with the Wednesday morning Community Roundtable at The Lantern

\*Ugly Sweater Party on December 4th and built a Gingerbread House

\*Hosted the Parsonage Open House with Bev on December 12th. Great turnout.

\*Celebrated the wedding of Kraig & Jill Boernsen on December 18th. Visited with many members and nonmembers at the reception afterwards.

\*Enjoyed the Choir Christmas Gathering at Krahlings on December 22nd.

\*Several phone calls lining up new members who will join January 2nd.

\*Tuesday night Bible Study has continued using “The Wired Word.”

\*Adult Sunday School has been meeting with a study of the Book of Ephesians.

\*I participated in several meetings this month:

Stewardship/Evangelism Committee, Executive Committee & Church Council, I also attended the Osceola County Ministerial Meeting on December 8th and I am the OCMA Clergy Rep to the Sesquicentennial Committee Meeting on December 7th

\*Confirmation classes in progress with 7th & 8th grades

\*Planning to be gone to Arizona - January 24-February 5th

\*Future Considerations or Possible Ideas:

Any interest in a Men’s, Women’s, Couples group or Bible Study?

New Member Sunday on Jan. 2nd

\*Kelby & Sarah Jensen

\*Robi & Sandy Brose

\*Ashley & Adam Genschorck

\*Kendra Onken

Schedule for upcoming Sundays:

\*Jan. 16th, 2nd Sunday of Epiphany, Continuous Communion, Congregational Annual Meeting after Worship

\*Jan. 23rd, 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

\*Jan. 30th, 4th Sunday of Epiphany, Pulpit Supply – Josh Tangemann

\*Feb. 6th, 5th Sunday of Epiphany, Communion at the rail

\*Feb. 13th, 6th Sunday of Epiphany

\*Feb. 20th, 7th Sunday of Epiphany, Continuous Communion

\*Feb. 27th, Transfiguration of Our Lord

\*Mar. 2nd, Ash Wednesday, Communion at the rail & Imposition of Ashes

\*Mar. 6th, 1st Sunday of Lent, Communion at the rail

\*Mar. 9th, Lenten Service, Dramatic Portrayal

\*Mar. 13th, 2nd Sunday of Lent

\*Mar. 16th, Lenten Service, Dramatic Portrayal

\*Mar. 20th, 3rd Sunday of Lent, Continuous Communion

\*Mar. 23rd, Lenten Service, Dramatic Portrayal

\*Mar. 27th, 4th Sunday of Lent

\*Mar. 30th, Lenten Service, Dramatic Portrayal

\*Apr. 3rd, 5th Sunday of Lent

\*Apr. 6th Lenten Service, Dramatic Portrayal

\*Apr. 10th, Palm Sunday

\*Apr. 14th, Maundy Thursday, Communion, Seder Supper

\*Apr. 15th, Good Friday, Community Passion Play

\*Apr. 17th, Easter Sunday, Sunrise service?, Continuous Communion

Pastor gave a fact sheet for Pew Research Center Study: Percentage of U.S. Population That Identifies as Christian Continues to Drop. Our work is cut out for us.

Additions to the Agenda:

Installation for the new council.

**Minutes:**

Motion was made by Sharon and seconded by Paul to approve the minutes. All voted Aye.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

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| Checking Balance | 82,312.76 |
| Folker’s Endowment | 1,377.34 |
| Parsonage | 108.56 |
| Building Fund | 28,726.62 |
| Security Cameras | 365.00 |
| Furnace | 8,269.22 |
| SE Entry Repair | 9,038.95 |
| Emergency | 13,880.00 |
| Sunday School | 1,341.82 |
| Line of Credit | 0.00 |

Paul questioned the interest rate on accounts. Yes, the interest rate is nothing. A motion was made by Adam and seconded by Luci to approve the report. All voted aye.

**Committees:**

**Worship:** Music committee will meet. Luci spoke to the school music department about some students who would like to play for church. She received a receptive response.

**Christian Ed:** Pastor mentioned about a new young couple who have visited the last two weeks and are looking for a church and a Sunday School program for their two young children. We have some children in the 3- and 4-year-old area and discussed ways to get them involved. Adam and Brandon said that after this Sunday School year they will be stepping down as directors but will help get the new directors up to speed.

**Stewardship:** Sheryl mentioned if we participate in the parade this summer that there is some float repair that needs to be done and that the church sign is in the decoration room in the Sunday School area.

**Building and Property:** nothing to report.

**Execs:** Nothing to report.

**Old Business:**

**Annual Meeting:**

**Meal:** Brandon is doing the pulled pork and Arlene is doing cheesy turkey sandwiches. The council is asked to help in the kitchen.

**Vote:** Sharon will prepare the ballots for the constitution and committee member votes. Adam and Sharon will assist with counting the ballots.

**Council Installation:** It was decided to do installation on February 6th.

**Nomination Committee**: update was given for the 4 council, 1 endowment, 2 nominating

Committee)

**New Business:**

An undesignated donation of $30,000.00 was received after Christmas. It was decided to cash the check and put it in the General Account until our council meeting. Brandon recommended that it be put in the Building Fund and pay the first two member loans. Luke made that motion and Steve seconded. All vote aye.

Coffee fellowship will be served by the council on January 30th. Sandy, Brenda, John and Arlene will provide the treats.

Sunday School update. We have 5 or 6 possibilities of 3- and 4-year-old children to add to the Sunday School program. Erika Rosenberg has offered to teach. It was suggested to send a letter to the students inviting them to come to Sunday School and for Erika to talk to Brandon and Jen to get on board of what is being done now.

The upcoming county and city Sesquicentennial was discussed. It was suggested by Arlene that we sponsor an old-fashioned hymn sing with a pie and ice cream social to follow. Pastor will get possible dates and the new Stewardship committee can work on this.

**Dates to Remember:**

Council Meeting on Jan. 18th at 7 PM to sign up for new council committees and go over responsibilities.

Council Meeting Prep Feb. 1st at 7 PM

Council Meeting Feb. 8th at 7 PM

Treats/Teller/Communion for February: Adam Henning

Motion was made by Sandy and seconded by Adam to adjourn the meeting. All voted aye. We closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Arlene Kuehl, secretary