**Council Meeting Minutes**

**Date: 4/12/2022**

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

Roll Call: Sharon Gradert, Sandy Olson, Brenda Rosenberg, Luci Ferrin, Adam Henning, John French, Paul Hensch, Jan Henningsen, Daryl Tutje, Taylor Hibbing, Arlene Kuehl and Pastor Nappe. Absent: Linda Fick.

**Devotions and Prayer:** Pastor led devotions reading from John 10 vs 10 and the study of the 1st chapter of the book “I Refuse to Lead a Dying Church”, following with prayer.

Pastor’s Report:

Worship Service in February:

\*March 2, Ash Wed. Communion, Attendance – 52

\*March 6, Communion, Sunday Attendance – 85

\*March 9, Lenten Service, Attendance – 39

\*March 13, Sunday, Attendance – 106

\*March 16, Lenten Service, Attendance – 39

\*March 20, Continuous Communion, Sunday, Attendance – 85

\*March 23, Lenten Service, Attendance – 40

\*March 27, Sunday, Attendance – 104

\*March 30, Lenten Service, Attendance – 32

Graph of Trinity Sunday attendance for 2013, 2018, 2021 and 2022 was discussed.

Visitation:

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

\*Met with the Wolters family about joining the congregation and about Ruth’s baptism

\*Had Nursing Home services at all three facilities

\*Served communion to our members at Heartwood & Country View Manor

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

Adult Sunday School finished up with a study of the Book of Ephesians

I participated in several meetings this month:

 Executive Committee & Church Council

 OCMA Clergy Rep to the Sesquicentennial Committee meeting on Feb. 8th

 Met with Evangelism & Christian Education/Youth Committees

 Met with Northwest Iowa LCMC pastors at OLBC on March 31st

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

\*Coordinated the Lenten services, character portrayals, Ash Wednesday and worked on

 planning the Seder Meal service for Maundy Thursday.

\*Baptism for Norah Jean Jensen on March 13th

\*Future Considerations or Possible Ideas:

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

Plans for upcoming Sundays:

\*April 14th, Maundy Thursday, Communion, Seder Supper

\*April 15th, Good Friday, Community Passion Play

\*April 17th, Easter Sunday, One Service at 8:00 AM, Continuous Communion, followed by Easter Breakfast

\*April 24th, 2nd Sunday of Easter

\*May 1st, 3rd Sunday of Easter, Communion at the rail, last day of Sunday School, Community Kickoff of the Sesquicentennial, First Communion

\*May 8th, 4th Sunday of Easter, Mother’s Day

\*May 15th, 5th Sunday of Easter, Continuous Communion, Senior Recognition, S-O Commencement

\*May 22nd, 6th Sunday of Easter, Blessing of the Bikes

\*May 29th, 7th Sunday of Easter, Congregation picks favorite hymns, I will be giving a presentation for Reaching the Unreached in Rolfe, Iowa

\*June 5th, Pentecost Sunday, Communion at the rail, Wear Red!

\*June 12th, Trinity Sunday – Something special? Ideas?

\*June 19th, 2nd Sunday of Pentecost, Continuous Communion, Father’s Day

\*June 26th, 3rd Sunday of Pentecost, Hymn Fest and Pie/Ice Cream at 4:00 PM

**Additions to the Agenda:**

 Add Seder Meal to Old Business.

**Minutes:**

Motion was made by Jan and seconded by Taylor to approve the March 8th minutes. All voted Aye.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

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| Checking Balance | 54,425.43 |
| Folker’s Endowment | 1,665.65 |
| Parsonage | 108.59 |
| Building Fund | 26,874.44 |
| Security Cameras | 365.00 |
| Furnace | 8,271.31 |
| SE Entry Repair | 9,040.09 |
| Emergency | 13,880.00 |
| Sunday School | 1,369.82 |
| Line of Credit | 0.00 |

Motion was made by Taylor and seconded by Daryl to approve the Treasurer’s Report. All voted Aye.

**Committee Reports:**

**Worship and Music:** A new date for the flute players will need to be set. They will have a committee meeting on April 26th.

**Christian Ed:** The last date for Sunday School is May 1st. Date for Bible School is yet to be set. Working on next fall youth education. They will have a committee meeting on April 19th.

**Stewardship:** Nothing to report.

**Evangelism/Mission:** Are considering using one of the unused Sunday School rooms for a devotional or prayer chapel. Are considering a phone system for reaching the home bound and sending cards to members. Erika sent cards from the Sunday School students. Will we give water at the fair again? If we want to do a float for the Good Ole Summertime parade, the current flat rack needs some work, and we may want to just use a different one. They have lots of ideas.

**Building and Property:** Insurance will pay $15,000.00 towards repair of the SE entry. Steve Onken is doing Safety Inspections. We need more electric plugs and we have received a new battery for the AED. Entry roof will be spray foamed and the painting done before the scaffolding comes down. The painting cannot be done by volunteers. Insurance requires it be done by a licensed painter in case of a fall and our insurance not being responsible.

**Execs:** nothing to report.

**Old Business:**

A motion was made by Luci and seconded by Jan to formally accept the membership of Chris and Katie Wolter’s and family. All voted Aye.

A motion was made by Taylor and seconded by Paul to approve the estimate of $3,197.18 from Servpro Mold Remediation. All voted Aye.

Easter Breakfast plans are complete. Sandy could use one additional person to help get the eggs started. Adam volunteered. The council will serve the breakfast and Sunday School students will help.

Church Spring cleaning will be April 23rd. Steve Onken has a list of things that need to be done. Cleaning will start at 9:00.

Senior recognition breakfast, Sandy will check with Barb Schuster. We have four seniors.

The date to serve at the Banquet will be set after the Education Committee has its meeting to finalize the date for VBS.

Arrangements are being made for the Music Fest/ Hymn Sing with Pie and ice cream to follow. Bev Nappe has offered to apply for a Thrivent card. If you know of anyone who would participate with the music. Please ask them. We will discuss more next month.

There has been some confusion on saying that the council voted to have the Seder Meal on Maundy Thursday instead of the traditional service. It should have been said it was decided.

**New Business:**

A motion was made by Taylor and seconded by Adam to designate the noisy offering for May/June to go to the EMT’s. All voted Aye.

Summer Camp is open to kindergarten and up and there are camp scholarships for attendees. There are day camps for those who don’t want to stay over. We will encourage students to sign up.

Having a memorial list of possible areas to designate memorial money to go to was discussed. We will give thought to possible items to list.

We want to do something for youth recognition for Brandon and Adam for their years of service. The education committee will discuss this at their April 19th meeting.

Pastor mentioned and shared a LCMC small congregation survey, and we discussed it briefly.

Dates to Remember:

\*Christian Education Committee Meeting, - April 19th at 7:00 p.m.

\*Worship/Music Committee Meeting – Tuesday, April 26th at 7:00 p.m.

\*Evangelism/Mission Committee Meeting – Monday, May 9th at 7:00 p.m.

\*Council Exec Prep Meeting – Tuesday, May 3rd at 7:00 p.m.

Council Meeting – Tuesday, May 10th at 7:00 p.m.

Teller/Communion for May: Brenda Rosenberg

A motion was made by Adam and seconded by Taylor to adjourn the meeting, All voted Aye. We closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Arlene Kuehl, secretary