

## **LHELC Council Minutes – 9/19/18**

### **Attendees**

Pastor Matt Pfeifer  
Dave Froehlich, President  
Steve Winecke, Elder (via phone)  
Brandon Otto, Treasurer  
Mark Behl, Secretary

### **Opening Prayer**

Pastor Pfeifer began with opening prayer;

### **Pastor's Report**

Pastor Pfeifer reviewed the Pastor's Report, including:

- Attendance, where August 2018 Sunday attendance was favorable to 2017 by 8%; YTD attendance is unfavorable to 2017 by (-1%);
- Christian Education, where Sunday School, Sunday Bible Class, and Wednesday Bible class began in September. Pastor Pfeifer has resumed a Bible class on the Drake campus, with 5 attendees at the first meeting; Catechism has 10 students enrolled;
- Evangelism, where Praise and Proclaim is September 21-22. 300 frisbees and 480 water bottles were handed out at the 9<sup>th</sup> Street Festival on September 9<sup>th</sup>; Fall Festival is October 13<sup>th</sup>, 11am-2pm;
- Sudanese (Nuer) Bible class resumed but scheduling conflicts have stalled it; and the Eritrean (Kunama) group continues to meet on Sundays at 3pm;
- Luke will be accompanied by Pastor Pfeifer to an Asian Ministry meeting at the Seminary October 3-4;
- Iowa Circuit, where Good Shepherd, Cedar Rapids, is being served by Pastor Degner but has not been able to fill their call; Pastor Pfeifer is attending the Southern Pastor's Conference on September 24-25 in Columbia, Missouri;
- Membership changes:
  - o Gains:
    - None
  - o Losses:
    - None

### **Financial Report**

The Council reviewed August financial information. YTD Net Income (Loss) is \$10,150.22, favorable to budget by \$2,690.74; the favorable variance is driven by lower-than-budgeted Property Maintenance and Technology Committee expense, which have more than offset lower-than-budgeted income; total cash balance as of August 31 was \$227,676.91.

Mr. Otto updated the Council on the financial software used by the church. The best option appears to be a subscription to Quicken's latest software, which will cost ~\$30 per year;

### **Trustees**

There was no update on the railing;

There was no update on the cross steeple;

The driveway on Watrous Avenue has been repaired. The Council agreed it is okay as-is, and no further action on this topic will take place at this time;

The Council discussed the walnut tree in the parking lot. Once the weather cools down, the tree will be taken down. There is another tree that appears to be cracked. We are going to have an arborist inspect it to see if it poses a risk to falling. Pastor Pfeifer is going to ask Mrs. Sahlstrom for a recommendation on what kind of tree to plant as a replacement;

Jon and Larry are working on the handrail for the downstairs bathroom. The addition of the handrail will be ~\$50;

There was a window in the parsonage that was shot by a BB. Pastor Pfeifer is working on replacing it;

### **Elders**

We have raised \$75 for the family of Peter Gatkuoth, whose wife passed away. There is \$875 in the budget for Membership Assistance. Mr. Otto is going to review that account to ensure there are still funds available. If funds are available, the Council agreed to a donation of \$300;

### **Stewardship**

No items were discussed.

### **Fellowship**

No items were discussed.

### **Evangelism**

Praise and Proclaim is occurring September 21-22. The session runs from 9am to 4:30pm on September 22. 23 adults are signed up for Friday;

Fall Festival will be October 13<sup>th</sup>, 11am-2pm;

We collected a number of names, phone numbers, and emails from the 9<sup>th</sup> Street Festival. Pastor Pfeifer will be following up this week with them;

### **Education**

No items were discussed.

### **Old Business**

The long-term ministry committees are kicking off:

- HR (additional staffing to support ministry) committee met 9/18 for the first time;
- Preschool committee is meeting 9/20 for the first time.

The bequest from Neola Baccus of \$5,000-\$6,000 was further discussed. We do not have a quote to replace the bi-fold doors yet;

The Child Protection Policies group continues to meet; the goal continues to be taking a vote at the Voters meeting in January;

The Council discussed expanding the parking lot. Next steps will be contacting an engineering firm to assess the project and the requirements of it. Dave is meeting with Jon on the plan to present to the Des Moines City Council;

Lee and the Tech Committee are working through a quote on getting a screen installed in the church, although we are unsure at this time where the best placement for it is;

### **New Business**

There was no new business discussed.

### **Next Meeting Date**

Next meeting date will be Wednesday, October 17, at 8pm.

### **Closing**

The Council closed the meeting with the LORD's Prayer.