ORLC Council Minutes March 2, 2020

President Amanda Cook called the meeting to order. Also present were Christine Henderson, Jordan Gackle, Heidi Kaatz & Susie Nitschke (via FaceTime). Pastor Jordan opened with prayer. Minutes from 2/3/20 meeting were read. A motion to accept the minutes made by Susie, seconded by Christine, motion carried.

A Treasurer's Report was presented. A few more donations to the Aiden Strong benefit came in bringing the total amount given to \$250. Susie's kuchen sales for the LL mission trip brought in over \$70 (some money still out). The Schulz family donated \$200 to ORLC for the use of the church (wedding). Susie made a motion to approve, Heidi seconded, all approved.

Committee Reports

Evangelism: Christine will talk to Irene Entzi & Delores Haberman. Sue Stiles, Ray & Ursula DeLaurier have also expressed interest.

Stewardship: A check in the amount of \$250 was sent for the Aiden Strong benefit.

Property: Gary Andrys replaced the furnace filters. Amanda will email parishioners & a request for volunteers will be placed in the bulletin to wash walls & paint the basement. It was agreed to wait until the basketball season ends. Jeremy is awaiting a response from Jim Steele about the ramp rail. No update on the windows.

Worship: Pastor Jordan reported no plans to be absent in March.

Youth: Susie's LL kuchen sale was successful. Tubing at Thrill Hill was discussed but no dates were put forth.

Fellowship: Senior Recognition Sunday for Ethan Ellingson will take place on May 10 (Mother's Day). Kathy DeBolt will decorate, Beth & Susie will arrange for food & drinks.

Technology: Susie added that Jim Stiles offered to assist as needed. Amanda suggested putting 2 people from the council on the Technology Committee. Pastor Jordan said Jim has shown Beth how to record services. Topic tabled until a full council is present.

Unfinished Old Business: Gary received a quote of over \$26,000 to removed existing vinyl in basement, clean up the mildew & cover with epoxy. If we choose instead to go with the new vinyl, the company suggested removing the mildew infected areas & using floor leveler before covering with new vinyl. Pastor Jordan suggested we have it inspected for mold/mildew. Christine didn't think it was a concern as mildew needs air & water to grow. Amanda said she would talk to Total Home about it. The council discussed the fact that water leaking in was no longer a problem

New Business: LaMoure County Dept. of Emergency Services sent a letter requesting public shelter locations. Christine will fill out the form & return, putting herself down as the primary contact. The secondary contact could be either Heidi or Beth as they both live in town. The council discussed replacing Jim Stiles' seat on the council. Tim Callahan was a possible candidate. It was decided to table the topic until next month when there was a full council. Amanda presented a long range plan of church updates & improvements. Pastor Jordan suggested that Christine explore a 5 year history of where our funds have been spent. There was discussion about replacing the missing pew beside the sound system. Some ideas included pew chairs, a shorter pew or just leaving an indent for wheel chairs. Christine offered to look into options & pricing. Susie suggested taking down the wall that separates the kitchen from the dining area in the basement in order to open things up for a handicap accessible chair lift as well as new lighting. It was suggested that we get quotes on the cost & do it before we paint & put the new floor in. Upcoming events: Maundy Thursday 4/9 service at 7 pm, Easter Sun. 4/12 at 9:30 am., Senior Recognition Sun. 5/10.

Pastor's Report: Confirmation classes were discussed. Christine made a motion to hold off on classes until the fall of 2020 with the goal of confirmation taking place in the spring of 2021. Susie seconded, all approved. Next meeting set for 4/6/20 at 6 pm. Meeting adjourned & closed with the Lord's Prayer.