

ORLC Council Minutes June 2, 2021

Council members Jamie Lagodinski, Heidi Kaatz, Christine Henderson, & Beth Andrys met at the church. Jamie opened the meeting & Beth began with a prayer. Minutes were read. Christine made a motion to accept, Heidi seconded. Motion passed. Treasurer's report was read. We will decide where to send the Lenten/Maundy/Easter offering money once we have a full council. Apart from the weekly offerings, enough donations were sent to cover the expense of new tables for the basement (\$994). We received \$415 for the 11% tithing challenge & \$2,550 in sound system donations. Dennis Leppert has money to donate in Millie's memory. Jamie offered to call & talk to him about it. For the record, Amanda Cook, Jamie Lagodinski & Christine Henderson are listed on the safety deposit box at Heartland State Bank. Christine has the key. Beth made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Heidi seconded.

Committee Reports

Worship: The lack of fill-in pastors was discussed. Lori Callahan has offered to lead services so finding someone to lead is no longer an issue. Beth brought up the possibility of Pastor Jordan finding his own replacements when he needs days off since he might have more connections to clergy members than Heidi. With Pastor Jordan's approval, we decided to cancel the 4th of July service & hold an outdoor service in its place on 7/21 to celebrate the formal organization of the church 65 years ago. We will recognize some of the original members/ministers, have the children sing songs they learned at VBS & serve root beer floats afterwards. Beth will ask Sarah if she's willing to lead the kids & Jamie/Heidi will be in charge of the floats. Beth will talk to Cheryl Ness & Lori Callahan about the original members & former ministers. Christine & Heidi will look for an outdoor audio system. Council will meet again before 7/21 to finalize plans.

Technology: After watching a bit of the service from Zion church in Ellendale who has the DRN sound system it was decided that it wasn't much of an improvement from what we are now using. After a short discussion, the topic was tabled until we have a full council.

Property: Dakota Valley replaced valves in all of the toilets at a cost of \$121. Lighting concerns in the sanctuary were discussed. The roof of the back door entry needs new shingles. Jamie will ask Tyler for a quote. Jim Steele & Ron Klein are heading up the parking lot post project. Beth will call the Hutterites to do a thorough cleaning in the basement & inquire about reupholstering the pew cushions as the cost to replace them was quite high. A rep from Waggoner's will be stopping through & give us a quote this month. The Sunday school materials need to be organized & stored and the mop boards need to be put back on after the basement is cleaned. Beth will ask Larry Coon to spray the church yard for weeds.

Youth: Beth lined up counselors from Red Willow Bible Camp to lead VBS hosted by ORLC. The cost is \$40 per child. The Andrys will provide room & board and snacks & drinks during VBS. VBS dates are Sun. 7/18 from 3-6 pm, Mon. 7/19 & Tues. 7/20 from 9 am – 3 pm. Allie Lagodinski & Addi Goebel will hang up posters throughout town to invite other children in the community. Pastor Jordan would like to hold one more live confirmation class before breaking for the summer. He plans to resume in the fall & have the class finish by Jan. 2022.

Evangelism: (Dolores Haberman is interested in joining ORLC)

Unfinished Old Business: Lighting upgrade: Can we update to LED bulbs? Christine will contact Direct Electric to ask for pricing & options. The Sunday school materials need to be organized & stored and the mop boards need to be put back on after the basement is cleaned. Beth will paint the kitchen before Sunday school began this fall. The basement windows need paint/repair. Jamie suggested purchasing collapsible gutters. The basement door needs to be sealed.

New Business: On Sun. 5/30 via text, the council voted to lift the mask mandate for those who have been vaccinated for Covid-19. Congregation members can sign up to hire Charlie Andrys to mow if they don't want to do it themselves. A sign-up sheet will be posted on FB & put in the church.

Pastor's Report:

Jamie will send another poll to determine the date of the July meeting. Christine made a motion to adjourn, Heidi seconded. Jamie closed the meeting & we ended with the Lord's Prayer.