

Council members Jamie Lagodinski, Amanda Huber, Beth Andrys & Pastor Jordan met at the church, Heidi Kaatz joined via phone. Pastor Jordan led with prayer & President Jamie L. opened the meeting. Minutes were read. Amanda made a motion to accept the last 3 sets of minutes (7/6-regular meeting, 7/19-65th anniversary planning meeting & 7/21-Special Daycare meeting) & the treasurer's report from July. Beth seconded. Motion passed. Treasurer's report was not available at this time.

Committee Reports

Worship: P. Jordan remarked that attendance has been down since the church opened up at the end of January & asked for input. Council discussed factors including no Sunday school= fewer families in church, Covid, less children in general & the ease of watching church online rather than in person. We talked about recruiting new members & Amanda hoped that the daycare would maybe bring in a few families. We also talked about starting Sunday school earlier in the fall & decided on the weekend after Labor Day. Several people have expressed interest in Wednesday church services. A couple families that wanted to come to tonight's service already had plans to be out of town.

Technology: Brandon Huber fixed the WiFi.

Fellowship: Church services will change back to 9:30 am on 9/5.

Property: Jamie has talked to Ron Klein about the wood posts framing the parking area & will be in touch with Jim Steele.

Youth: Beth will teach pre-confirmation & Jordan will start confirmation back up on 9/12 with the class being confirmed near Christmas. Sunday school will take place the same time as church & Jamie will order a new curriculum & write up a schedule for classes, ushering & reading.

Evangelism: (Dolores Haberman is interested in joining ORLC)

Unfinished Old Business: The first Wed. service will be tonight. Jamie asked for P. Jordan's thoughts about future Wed. services. If we continue with them, he would like to do both Sun. & Wed. services. An anonymous donor has offered \$2,500 & a laptop if we purchase through Dakota Sound & have it installed before the end of the year. He's also agreed to be the point of contact with the company. With the amount of money donated, we need to come up with about \$1,200. P. Jordan advised we go with that plan. Amanda made a motion that we accept with the bid from Dakota Sound & purchase a camera system for the sanctuary of the church. Heidi seconded. Jamie will speak to the donor. Beth told the Wagoneer's company representative that the cushion project will have to be postponed until the roof is fixed. P. Jordan suggested we check out the pews at the Baptist church in Kulm. Christine is working with Direct Electric. We agreed to finalize Lenten/Maundy Thurs./Easter offerings at the Sept. meeting. Kent Meidinger, Anne Carlsen & the well project were possible recipients. P. Jordan will ask Christine how much was brought in from his 11% challenge. Although there wasn't any hail damage, there's a 2'x1" crack in the flat part that needs to be re-tarred & the back portion is lifting & separating off the roof causing water damage to the soffit. The adjustor pointed out that the foam inserts in the gutters cause damage when they contract & expand from freezing & thawing & so they should be removed. Amanda said there's an outfit in Oakes that tars roofs & will ask Ron Wald about it. Someone else will need to fix the soffit & remove the inserts. Gutters will need to be cleaned in the spring & fall. Beth offered to make a check list for yearly maintenance.

New Business: Basement space is approved for a 30.2 child group daycare. One classroom could be used as a nap room. No egress windows are needed because there are 2 exits. Only one bathroom is needed – boys bathroom would be off limits because of the water heater – and the area across from the girls bathroom can be used as changing station. The curtain to the furnace room can stay. The daycare operator can purchase a commercial dishwasher or use the 4 existing sinks. Outdoor toys & mats are needed but no fence is necessary – that will be the responsibility of the operator. The fire chief & health inspector still need to come & take a look. Council will have to draw up guidelines & a contract when the time comes.

Pastor's Report: P. Jordan anticipates taking some time off during harvest & 2 Sundays in a row at Christmas time. He will remind members to wear masks if they're not vaccinated & distance.

The next meeting will be Sept. 15th at 6 pm. Amanda made a motion to adjourn, Heidi seconded. Jamie closed the meeting & we ended with the Lord's Prayer.