

ORLC Council Minutes February 9, 2022

The council members Jamie Lagodinski, Christine Henderson & Beth Andrys met in person with Jim Stiles & Pastor Jordan joining via Zoom. Council member, Sandy Anderson, was unable to attend. Jamie Lagodinski called the meeting to order. Pastor Jordan opened with prayer. Jamie called for officer nominations.

Reorganization of the council: Jamie, Christine & Beth agreed to remain on as president, treasurer & secretary, respectively. Beth nominated Jim for VP, Christine seconded. Motion carried. Christine made a motion to accept all four positions, Beth seconded, motion carried.

The following committees were formed:

Evangelism: All

Stewardship: Christine

Worship: Christine (music) & Jordan (pulpit supply)

Youth: Beth & Jamie

Technology: Jim

Property: Beth (she will ask 2 members of the congregation to help)

Fellowship: Beth (she will ask 2 members of the congregation to help)

Council will add Sandy to any committee she'd like to join at the March meeting. Beth made a motion to accept the committees, Jim seconded, motion carried.

Minutes were read prior to the meeting, in order to save time. Christine made a motion to approve, Jim seconded, motion carried. Treasurer's report unavailable but Christine noted that there was over \$1,500 in memorials for Dotty Ellingson. Ray gave council approval to spend the money at our discretion. Stacey Ellingson asked Pastor Jordan for permission to erect a bird house in the flower bed in Dotty's honor. Christine made a motion to approve, Beth seconded, motion carried. The family will take care of it. There is still money from Millie Leppert's funeral to be used toward the purchase of sanctuary lighting, a light for the outdoor cross & a basement kitchen fan. Jamie will contact Direct Electric.

Stewardship: Christine presented a brochure from Anchored Purpose. Beth asked if the mission committee could take it on & will look into it further.

Youth: It was noted that there wasn't much participation from the congregation at the Luther League soup dinner after the annual meeting. Tina Nitschke has offered to run a first communion class –maybe sometime this spring after the confirmation ceremony. Jamie presented the idea of holding Awana Club for all children in the community at ORLC beginning in 3 weeks. It would replace Sunday school as attendance has dropped off. She thought it would be a good way to get people excited about church again. She will talk to Stella Edwards & parents & seek out volunteers. Christine made a motion to try the Awana program at our church, Beth seconded & motion passed.

Technology: Beth asked if the Luther League kids could be trained to use the new camera system, possibly this upcoming Sunday. Jamie thought maybe they could learn at the LL meeting this coming Sunday. Pastor Jordan will announce it in church.

Property: No report.

Evangelism: Christine read a thank you note from Collette Meidinger. Pastor Jordan will contact Sue Stiles, Delores Haberman Lux & Irene Entzi about joining ORLC, as council thought they had all expressed interest. It was suggested that we hold a New Member Sunday in conjunction with the confirmation ceremony with fellowship afterwards.

Unfinished Old Business: Council addressed issues brought up at the annual meeting: Christine offered to price out hand sanitizer stations. Jamie will get a pew cushion estimate from Wagoneers. Beth suggested the "adopt a pew cushion" idea, as was done with the basement tables, once we have a firm price. Council discussed returning to traditional communion. Pastor Jordan wasn't opposed but expressed concern with finding volunteers to serve. He suggested holding a traditional communion on the first Sunday of the month & communion from the pews on the third Sunday of the month. He will

ask Lori & Tim Callahan if they'd be willing to help. Beth will make copies of church keys for members who might want one, will post availability on FB & ask Sarah to post in the bulletin.

New Business: The two proposed amendments (see bottom of page) to the constitution that were discussed at the annual meeting will be published for 30 days in the bulletin with a special meeting to vote held on 3/6/22 following church. It wouldn't be ratified until the annual meeting in Jan. 2023 so we will go through this year with two vacancies (since we didn't have enough volunteers/nominations for council members at the annual meeting last month). Christine inquired whether ORLC should have a copyright license since we're broadcasting services on FB live. Jim didn't think so as Youtube scans for violations before posting. Christine will check with Augsburg Fortress about a copyright license for reprinted music. Jamie suggested ORLC send out standard care basket of some sort for members of our congregation who are ill, going through treatment, having surgery, etc. She suggested asking the women's bible study group to organize it since they meet weekly. Before placing a dollar value on it, Christine will contact Linda Heinrich & Kathy DeBolt to ask for input & ideas. Council ideas included gas cards, devotionals & blankets. Beth asked Pastor Jordan to contact Tausha & Brandon Schweigert about baptizing their little girl, Tenley. Pastor Jordan said their family would like to hold a triple baptism for their children with Pastor Chimezie (sp) officiating. The council was all in favor of the idea. Pastor Jordan will subtly remind members to clean the area of the church for which they signed up.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Jordan will be gone on 2/27/22. He will find his own replacement & make sure Christine knows who to pay & who we can ask to lead church that Sunday. Pastor Jordan expressed concern about reduced participation in all areas of the church & asked if anyone had explanations or opinions. Jim noted that when youth activities decline, the congregation attendance also declines. Beth added that many have found it convenient to watch church from home or from a remote location if they are unable to attend. Ash Wednesday is 3/2/22. Pastor Jordan plans to hold confirmation sometime between the end of March & early May, depending on the availability of the families. The new confirmation class will begin next fall.

The next meeting will be on 3/16/22 at 6pm. Jamie closed the meeting & Pastor Jordan closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Proposed Amendments to the Church Constitution

(changes council from seven members to five)

Article 11.01. The voting membership of the Congregational Council shall consist of **five** voting members of the congregation selected at the annual meeting. A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of a majority of the voting members of the council. If a quorum is not available, the President shall reschedule the meeting. The newly elected members of the council shall be installed at worship prior to the date they assume office. The pastor shall be considered a non-voting member of the council. *(changes council meeting frequency from monthly to quarterly)*

Article 11.04. The Congregational Council shall normally meet once a **quarter**. Special meetings may be called by the pastor or the President or at the request of at least one-half of the council.