

Elder Meeting Minutes of 08-14-18

Attending: Candy, George, Kerry, Mark, Mary, Roger, Scot, Sean, Sharon

Congregational Attendees: Cynthia H. and Judy R. (congregation members are invited and welcome)

Not Attending: Dennis, Eileen, Jodi, Rex

Opening Prayer: Mary reads from “The Promise: God’s Purpose and Plan for when Life Hurts” by Jonathan Morris

God “permits” evil out of respect for free will. God is all powerful and brings forth greater happiness (from pain comes gain)

Prayers of the People

Agenda Items

Pastor’s Report

- 1. Fall Concert Series...**Buy your tickets NOW!
 - A.** Newspaper Ads forthcoming, No corporate sponsors as of yet
 - B.** Sean to talk with hospitality committee (Mary)
 - C.** Congregation will receive a personal email invitation from Sean
 - D.** Roger suggests selling tickets outside Piggly Wiggly
 - E. Need:** golf cart for shuttling people
- 2. Gluten Free wafers** are available for the sacrament of communion. Elders be sure to offer the cup holding the wafers/please do not touch the packet/allow the person to open the wafer themselves
- 3.** 5th Sunday received positive feedback regarding prayers at the rail
- 4.** August 21-28 Walker family vacation/ Mark Badtke guest preacher Aug. 26
- 5.** September 23 Chapel picnic/clean up hospitality committee is planning
- 6.** November 4 Anniversary/Memorial/Pledge Sunday
- 7.** November 20 Ecumenical Service with Williams Bay Lutheran and Williams Bay UCC Details to follow when available

Finance Update

1. Tom R. is stepping down as Treasurer. Thank you Tom for 3 years. Tom will still be a member of the finance committee. Please pray for a replacement for Tom. It is a big job, and takes special skills.
2. Congregational giving is strong, but we need more people
On-line giving has doubled from July '17 to July '18 (helpful for budgeting)
3. Quarterly Financial Reports will be put in member folders
 - A. Sean will write a cover letter to alert the congregation of shortages
 - B. Roger suggests making our needs be personal, how much each family would need to increase their giving by (for example, \$10)
 - C. We should look at payments and determine what can wait until 2019
 - D. Griffith Foods sent \$15,000 Their giving now equals last years

Outreach Update

1. Mary suggests an "old fashioned revival meeting"
 - A. This takes a lot of work and prep. What's the purpose/goal?
Ask Worship Committee to research pros and cons (Kathy, Judy R.)
2. Roger volunteers to head an ad hoc committee to explore alternative forms of ministry to maximize our resources
 - A. Consider people who are not Chapel members for this committee.
Contact Roger with any suggestions
 - B. Purpose is to realize opportunities missed to reach unchurched
 - C. Exploratory Vision...Figure out what people are passionate about and meet them there
3. Candy invites those who are in favor of a **permanent** homeless "shelter/home" in Delavan to attend the Delavan Common Council meeting on Tuesday, August 21, at 6:30 pm in the Delavan City Hall. Candy is very passionate about this and is available to answer any questions

Educational Update

1. Bethel Series has 6 confirmed students. Classes will commence in the fall.
2. Chapel 101 Class August 19 after worship service
3. September 9 Sunday School Rally Day/ Reaffirmation Service
 - A. Mark is asking for volunteers to help with breakfast (pancakes, eggs, sausages)
 - B. Membership Covenant to be put in member folders for review
 - C. Opportunity to say "As for me and my household we will serve the Lord"
4. Sean is proposing a Joshua 24 "Pillar of Stones". Consider bringing rocks (need 400-500 hand sized rocks!) These will end up in our prayer garden
5. Education committee is proposing "event driven fun worship opportunities for our youth"
 - A. Held on the last Friday of every month
 - B. All ages welcome
 - C. An alternative to violent video games/planting a seed of faith
 - D. This would replace weekly youth Sunday school

Administration Update

1. Flooding problem in circle drive has been resolved
2. Railings and walkways will be de-rusted in August (\$2,700 capital expense)
3. Discussion of Current By Laws. Motion to approve changes to By Laws by Roger, Mary 2nds, motion carries
 - A. Kerry proposes reducing the size of the Elder Board to 7 or 9. She feels 12 Elders is too many for the size of the congregation. This suggestion was met with opposition and the discussion was tabled for now.
 - B. We need an addition to the By Laws that states that the Elder board cannot be less than 7. George motions, and Marks seconds, motion carries. Sean will have the necessary changes made.
 - C. Sean will present By Laws changes to the congregation for approval on September 9
 - D. Stewardship campaign for 2018 is "Let's get Excited"
4. Nominating Committee is set and ready to serve the congregation

Closing Prayer Mary

Next Meeting: September 11, 2018 at 6:00 pm Devotions: Rex

Continued Business:

1. Reduce size of Elder Board from 12 to possibly 9 or 7
2. Forward suggestions to Roger for Ad hoc committee to explore alternative forms of ministry
3. Invite Colleen to meetings to speak on behalf of the CAC
4. Treasurer replacement
5. Revival Meeting?

And, As Always **PRAY without ceasing**