

**Edison Park Lutheran Church
Congregational Council Minutes –September 11, 2018 7:00 p.m.**

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Present: Wayne Ammentorp (Treasurer), Joe Bartel, Kevin Burkum, Werner Calder (Vice-President) John Cherry (Secretary), Phyllis Doyle, Vicki Evers, Carolyn Nasheim (President), Mark Schaeffer, Deacon Carole Edwards,

Not Present: Armando Arriazola, John Jackson

The meeting was called to order by President Carolyn Nasheim. Deacon Carole Edwards led us in prayer.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the August meeting (08-14-2018) and special August meeting (08-28-2018) were presented and approved by Wayne Ammentorp and seconded by Vicki Evers with corrections to spelling and correct list of attendees noted. The notes were approved by all as corrected.

Treasurers Report: Presented by Wayne Ammentorp. Our regular August income was \$30463 + 25k from the Foundation for a total of \$55463. Expenses were \$73489 which puts us in the negative \$18k. Part of this is paying for the sewer repair and the South Hall floor project. We still have to pay for the skylights and boiler repairs also. Since we received 15k from the Foundation we do have some cash on hand. Both music positions are filled and we will be paying them for the remainder of the year, which will impact the budget. The Finance committee will meet next Tuesday 9-18 since the financial numbers just came in.

Deacon's Report: Presented by Deacon Carole Edwards. Carole has asked the staff to send her reports so she can keep track of things such as pastoral visits and other items. The staff meetings have gone very well, with Sarah joining in via the phone, which is great that she can still attend them! Jeff played the guitar at the Sunday service and it was a wonderful musical day. They are joining our church from Park Ridge, which is great news! The block party was great! There were plenty of families and children in attendance and a good time was had by all.

New Business:

Interim Pastor position: We will offer the position to Pastor Jim Kegel. Carole got a recommendation from the Synod for a financial package to Pastor Kegel. For 30 hours a week it will come to about 60k per year. We have had a 30 hour per week Pastor before at EPLC. We can also give mileage reimbursement instead of a car allowance. Any contract should be structured with an out clause for both parties. The Synod has a sample contract we can base it off of.

We would need to decide how we want his to use his days. He would like Monday's off but that is the day of staff meetings. Carole could still run them, they are from 12:15 to 1 pm. A question was brought up if we want Pastor Kegel to be the liaison with the staff. The Council consensus is yes he needs to be a part of it. This will have to be worked out.

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Pastor Kegel would also like to do Bible study, that could be Wednesday when Carole is at the Danish Home so someone is still at Church.

A Motion was made by Joe Bartel that we offer the Interim Pastor package to Jim Kegel for 30 hours per week. Carole and Wayne will present the package to him to review. The Council would like to dictate what we expect from him and Pastor Kegel can dictate how he prefers the compensation to be structured.

Call Committee: We have 3 volunteers, Ret. Pastor Scott Castello, Julie Rose-Skifano, and Synoma Hays who will help. Joe Bartel will be on it as Council rep. Vicki Evers has also offered to be on the committee as long as things are done on weekends. We also have help from current high school student Joey Kilmer, which is nice to have a young person involved. Phyllis Doyle has offered to help if needed. Mark Schaeffer thinks Mike Pancotto would do well, he is a school teacher with 2 young boys. Mark will speak to him regarding this. Joe Bartel is working with Hope Lutheran in Iowa to see if they have any candidates or ideas. They do program sharing with all the different locations.

The Council will oversee how the call committee puts together our Congregational profile.

A Motion was made by Wayne Ammentorp to appoint a call committee consisting of Joe Bartel, Vicki Evers, Phyllis Doyle, Joey Kilmer, Scott Castello, Julie Rose-Skifano and Synoma Hays. Carole will speak to Joey's Dad about his participation since he will be working with all adults. We are open to add more if someone else wants to join. Possibly Mike Pancotto? The Motion was seconded by Mark Schaeffer and passed unanimously.

Dinner for 8: Judi would like to use the North Hall for hosting these dinners since everyone can't always have 8 people seated for dinner at their house. They would like to have beer and wine also.

A Motion was made by Joe Bartel to approve the Dinner of 8 parties to use the North Hall and serve beer and wine. It was seconded by Werner Calder and passed unanimously.

Mold in Basement: Judi informed us the Youth house has mold in the basement from recent rains. Beth and Dwayne have started to clean up there. They can use their discretion to remove whatever isn't needed.

Incorporation: Carole reported that Kurt G. is working on this. The bank is giving us a hard time over who can sign checks for us. We will try to go back to the bank to see if they will okay this, is not we will talk to Kurt G. about what to do next.

Old Business:

DCFS: Inspection for the sprinklers is done. They had to do some repair. As far as the fire doors go, Wayne cannot fix them. Fire door upstairs-the inspector has not called back. Werner has a friend who is in the fire department who he can ask to look into this for us. This is the wardrobe room door in question.

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Computer Server Change: Not going to work on this now, we have too many other projects to work on.

South Hall: It will still cost us about 3k to finish everything. We have 3 bids that are about the same for remainder of the work, there is one that Cindy Davies has worked with before.

A Motion was made by Phyllis Doyle to approve the completion of this project. Cindy Davies to decide who to proceed with. She can use the Church credit card for payment for supplies. The Motion was seconded by Wayne Ammentorp and passed unanimously.

A/C for Music House: We will let this go until spring.

Skylites: Finished 9-11 and looks very good!

Boiler Panel: Almost finished. We will have the A/C ducts done next when this is done.

All other projects to be put on hold until we complete current ones.

A Motion was made by Wayne Ammentorp to go into Executive Session to discuss Church personnel issues. Seconded by Phyllis Doyle and we entered at 8:05 pm.

We exited Executive Session at 8:32 pm.

Mark Schaeffer made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Phyllis Doyle seconded it.

All approved and we closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted:

John Cherry, Secretary