

**Eden's Mission:** "... to love God and all people in Jesus Christ, drawing others into a relationship with Him, working together to expand His reign of hope, justice and peace in our community and the world."

**EDEN LUTHERAN CHURCH  
COUNCIL MEETING  
Wednesday, June 14, 2017  
Minutes**

Meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm by Joe Ludwig.

**Members Present:** Pastor Linda Brown, Harvey Clark, Dave Grefe, Joe Ludwig, Nicolette Rohr, James Sansom, Olliver Silveira, Pat Sinclair, Marge Steinbrinck, Jo Thompson, Chuck Wilson

**Absent:** Shannon Barkley, Jay Fiene, Paula Smith

I. Preparation

1. Welcome Guests (no guests)
2. Sharing of joys and concerns
3. Inspiration: Opening devotions from Pastor related to Council service
4. Review / Approval of the Agenda **(M-Pastor/S-James/C)**
5. Review / Approval of Minutes from May with any corrections **(M-Pastor/S-Olliver/C)**

II. Action

1. Pastor's Report (see written report in packet)
2. President's Report: Joe Ludwig expressed thanks and appreciation for support during his term
3. Election of New Officers:  
James Sansom made a motion to delay election until July meeting due to absence of five members at this meeting, seconded by Olliver; Marge asked if that means the positions would be vacant; Joe clarified that Pat would serve as interim president and all other terms would be extended by one month; Pat explained she had spoken to the absent members and did not see a reason to delay; Nicolette asked about waiting for the five members to be able to vote but Marge explained we had a quorum; motion withdrawn by James Sansom
  - A. President: Jay Fiene was nominated by Marge Steinbrinck, seconded by Nicolette Rohr, James Sansom moved to close, Olliver Silveira seconded; Jay Fiene elected President
  - B. Vice President: Joe Ludwig ran election for Vice President in Jay's absence; Pat Sinclair was nominated by James Sansom, seconded by Nicolette Rohr, James Sansom moved to close, Pastor seconded; Pat Sinclair elected Vice President
  - C. Secretary: Nicolette Rohr was nominated by Marge Steinbrinck, Olliver seconded, James Sansom moved to close, Olliver Silveira seconded, Nicolette Rohr refrained from voting, Nicolette Rohr re-elected Secretary
  - D. Treasurer: Pat explained Treasurer needs to regularly attend church on Sunday to sign checks and be part of Finance Committee; call for nominations; Harvey Clark was nominated by Pastor, nomination seconded by Olliver, Harvey accepted nomination, Harvey abstained from voting, Harvey Clark elected Treasurer
  - E. Member-at-large: Nicolette Rohr nominated Marge Steinbrinck, Dave Grefe seconded, Marge accepted, Marge elected Member-at-large

#### 4. Monthly Ministry Reports

##### A. Finance: Marge Steinbrinck

- see written report in packet
- Gene Maas has been working with Nicole on Quick Books; training was terrible and cost was refunded; looking to arrange for one-on-one training
- \$4,000 limit set on Scholarships with \$500 maximum per applicant
- Gene Maas prepared spreadsheet detailing how Helen Crum Trust has been spent thus far (included in packet)
- T-Mobile is re-negotiating cell tower contract to reduce rent; Harvey Clark will seek advice from Bobby Clark
- Chuck and Marge plan to be responsible for securing offering on Sunday mornings while Gene is away; Marge asked Harvey to help as well now that he is Treasurer

##### B. Learning (no report)

##### C. Evangelism (Harvey Clark)

- working on getting video posted to web site (Nicole has on flash drive currently); question of Nicole's updating web site

##### D. Property (David Grefe)

- working on replacing lights and fixtures
- Harvey has been working on varnishing doors; Harvey made a motion that no scotch tape be used on wood doors; Dave and Nicolette questioned the need for a motion; Pastor will pass on word to office volunteers, BIC, etc. and suggest masking tape; motion lost for lack of second
- continuing work on shelving
- updates on storage units: asphalt needs to be leveled; Pat proposed moving ELCW into container to be set up by Ron and Erv with wood shelves at their expense; concern of cost of unused steel; Pastor called for pause for prayer and discernment; Jo commented that a year is not necessarily a long time in a building project and suggested we proceed with the project as planned; Chuck asked about what had been accomplished in the past year: four units installed and shelving in some units along with reorganizing/packing/unpacking contents of containers, weather delays; Olliver called to end discussion; Pat's proposal will go to Property
- Olliver shared Martin's costs for sand to request tax receipt for Martin and playground damage costs covered by BIC
- Olliver quoted \$200 for sand removal; Pat recommended to split cost between church and school; Motion by James Sansom to move sand and pay Olliver \$100 with funds from general fund and an additional \$100 to be approved by ELS Executive Committee, seconded by Dave, **MSC**.
- Dave mentioned intent to abandon watering grass due to sprinkler damage and put in mulch from City.
- Chuck offered kudos to Property and Erv, Ron, and Larry for work on sidewalks

##### E. Service/Fellowship (Pat Sinclair)

- see written report in packet
- next big event is 4<sup>th</sup> of July with Trinity and Hope; Chuck asked about inviting First United Methodist and other local churches; Pat explained there's not enough room for many more

##### F. Stewardship (Pat Sinclair)

- meeting coming up; Ron heading

##### G. Worship and Music

- written report in packet is for wrong date
- H. Technology (James Sansom)
- Andersons installed new equipment in Fellowship Hall
- I. Brother's in Christ (Pastor)
- spoke with Pastor Calderon about playground expenses and whipped cream incident

#### 5. Monthly reports from organizations

- A. ELCW (Nicolette Rohr)
  - rummage sale income \$1545 (thanks to James for remembering!)
- B. EL Preschool (Pat Sinclair)
  - Pat asked Chuck to serve as Council Representative to ELS
  - Pat reported that school is doing well and new playground was a positive
  - plan to hire new part time teacher in the fall
  - Chuck shared that summer enrollment is picking up for the first time
  - Pat discussed how ELS is a form of outreach
- C. Helping Hands (James Sansom)
  - working on hygiene packs
  - buy more Scrip!

#### III. New Business

- 1: T-Mobile Re-Negotiation of Contract: Harvey will be looking into this
- 2: Scheduling of Head Usher Schedule (2017-2018); Pat will call absent members to complete assignments

#### IV. Continuing Business

1. Scholarships due July; see report in Finance
2. Review / Approval of Minutes from Council Election meeting on May 21st **(M-Dave/S-Chuck/C)**

#### V. Information

1. Head Usher for July: Marge Steinbrinck
2. Upcoming events
  - A. 4<sup>th</sup> of July BBQ, Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, 5pm
  - B. Council Meeting – Wednesday, July 12, 2017; Nicolette will not be there so James will serve as secretary

#### VI. Closing

1. Adjournment & Lord's Prayer

Meeting was adjourned by Pat Sinclair at 8:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nicolette Rohr, Council Secretary

**Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord!**