

**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."

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**EDEN LUTHERAN CHURCH  
COUNCIL MEETING  
Tuesday, March 7, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

Meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Pat Sinclair.

**Members Present:** Pastor Linda Brown, Zach Anderson, Don Eissfeldt, Jay Fiene, Dave Grefe, Nicolette Rohr, James Sansom, Pat Sinclair, Paula Smith, Marge Steinbrinck, Jo Thompson

**Guests:** Harvey Clark; Lyle Hodgerson; Ron Smith

**I. Preparation**

1. Welcome Guests

- Harvey Clarke plans to use Evangelism budget funds for an insert in the Press on Good Friday; he shared the insert used two years ago for review; cost would be \$800.00
- Ron Smith shared information on the Cyprus tree; he provided a thorough review and said the tree is in good condition; Council will address under Landscaping

2. Sharing of joys and concerns

- Pat read a message from Joe Ludwig letting Council know that he is ill and still planning to be Council president through April if okay with Council; Council agrees
- Pat would like to nominate Jay to be co-Vice President in charge of nominations (Motion by Jim, seconded by Paula: to appoint Jay co-Vice President in charge of nominations for the next council, **MSC**, with abstention for Jay.)
- Members shared joys and concerns of the week.

3. Inspiration

- Pastor read Psalm 46

4. Review / Approval of the Agenda, with corrections (**MSC**)

- add front lighting (flickering) to item 5 on Continuing Business
- add campus lighting to item 6 under Continuing Business
- add Reformation 500 to item 7 on Continuing Business
- Ron Smith's report will be discussed under Landscaping (item 4)

5. Review / Approval of Minutes from February Council Meeting (**MSC**)

6. Review / Approval of Minutes from Feb. 8 (re: Pastor's vacation) and Feb. 19 Executive Council Meeting (re: roofing) (**MSC**)

- Pastor mentioned her Annual Review; Executive Committee will address (Jay made a motion to adhere to the Executive Committee's responsibility to review and provide feedback to Pastor, seconded by Marge, Pastor abstained, **MSC**.)

**II. Action**

1. Pastor's Report: Pastor Linda Brown

- written report in packet

2. President's Report: no report

### 3. Monthly Ministry Reports

#### A. Finance: Marge Steinbrinck

- see written report in packet
- Motion: To use \$900 from Scholarship Fund to cover Steve Anderson's seminary application fee, **(MSC)**, Zach Anderson abstained. Pastor noted that there is currently \$7200 in Scholarship Fund.
- Lyle reported that the downspout project is still pending because of the variety of bids
- Lyle reported that video surveillance system is also up in the air
- Marge reviewed audit report (in packet)
- Letter from Crum Trust attorneys indicate that there is a small amount that may be disbursed in the summer
- Nicole will begin looking into parking lot bids; James suggested establishing specifications to solicit comparable bids
- Giving is still down; hopefully there will be some improvement with Easter

#### B. Learning : Zach Anderson

- no kids last week

#### C. Evangelism (no report)

- Proposal from Harvey Clark in packet

#### D. Property: Dave Grefe

- nine doors refinished
- bush removal successful
- Nicole will be working on parking lots bids and bids for downspouts (in packet); Pat asked for recommendation from Property, in conjunction with Ron Sinclair and Erv Seidel; Dave will be copied on all messages from Nicole related to these projects; bids need to be made with specific guidelines provided by the church

#### E. Service/Fellowship: Pat Sinclair

- written report inadvertently left out of packet
- Meatball Madness potluck in March 19 (no contest this year)

#### F. Stewardship: (no report)

#### G. Worship and Music: Paula Smith

- written report in packet
- Marilyn will talk to David about Council's recommendation on Choir's seating

#### H. Technology: Zach Anderson

- will have proposals for sounds equipment at next meeting

#### I. Brothers in Christ (B.I.C): Pastor

- Pastor Calderon will be using the campus for upcoming event
- BIC left bathroom unlocked and cleaning crew found a huge mess

5. Monthly reports from organizations
  - A. ELCW: Nicolette Rohr
    - next gathering Saturday, Mar. 11, all are welcome
  - B. EL Preschool: Pat Sinclair
    - all is well ; Pat praised the school staff
  - C. Helping Hands: Jim Sansom
    - card sales and hygiene packs continuing

**Motion:** Approve all reports (**MSC**)

### III. New Business

1. Review of Down Spout installation and repair quotes
  - Bids in packet; Nicole was impressed with Mr. Patio; Pat asked Property to review bids and connect with Ron and Erv to make recommendation to Finance
  - Motion: Property chair Dave Grefe will meet with Ron and Erv, make a decision, forward to Finance, **MSC**.
2. Review of deep cleaning of narthex and kitchen floor quotes
  - two bids in packet; bid from Dave the Carpet Cleaner on recommendation of Martin's friends; all bids should include sealant and be for the same areas
  - Marge asked about need for deep cleaning; timeline—not an immediate need; Pat suggested having Nicole ask Dave the Carpet Cleaner about the priority; should probably prioritize kitchen
3. Discussion of aluminum fence slats
  - Cloth cover on fence is deteriorating; School board will address
4. Evangelism Easter newspaper ad
  - Some questions regarding proposal/language, etc.
  - Motion: To approve \$800 for ad, with funds to come from Evangelism budget, only with Pastor's approval of language, **MSC**.

### IV. Continuing Business

1. Installation of video cameras on campus: Pat Sinclair and Jay Fiene
  - question the wisdom of entering a 3-5 yr. contract
  - responsibility to consider safety of Pastor, Nicole, and School
  - other security options discussed (fencing, lighting, night guard); Paula asked about how to ensure cameras aren't vandalized; Jim advocated for combination of lighting and security cameras
  - Jay made a motion to, with the primary concern being the security of the staff, ask Matt to provide a bid for the minimum number of security cameras to allow the staff to monitor the campus, **MSC**.
  - Jay also raised the point of the expense of data for the cell phone usage of the staff in downloading and using security app
2. Church Audit Review: Marge Steinbrinck
  - audit in packet
3. Intern: Pastor
  - student being considered for placement; paperwork in process with Ron Sinclair
  - forming internship committee; Ron Sinclair, Marge, Nicolette, and Derek have been asked to serve on internship committee

- Motion: To approve Pastor's submitting paperwork to PLTS to move forward with process and begin interview process, **MSC**. Council had previously approved up to \$44,000 from Crum Trust to cover stipend, living expenses. Office will be in youth room.
4. Landscaping
    - Motion: Not to cut down cypress tree, as per Ron Smith's report, **MSC**.
  5. Flickering front lights
    - Motion: determine cost per hour from Matt to look into short, **MSC**. Pat will discuss with Matt; will send to Executive Committee once bid is received; hope to fix by Holy Week
  6. Campus Lights
  7. Reformation 500: Nicolette Rohr
    - Doors Open Riverside opportunity for tours May 11, 6-9; Nicolette, Marge, and Pastor will be at Synod Assembly, but if there are enough volunteers Eden will move forward with participating as an opportunity for outreach and participating in a community event

#### V. Information

1. Head Usher for April
  - Jo and Jay cannot be head usher in April due to choir; Joe Ludwig was originally signed up for April and Council hopes he can still serve
  - Jay Fiene will take May
  - Jo Thompson will take June
2. Upcoming events
  - A. Wednesday's Lenten Soup Suppers: Mar. 29 is Council
    - Soup: Marge, Jo, Jim, Paula, Zach, Nicolette
    - Bread and Butter: Pat, Olliver, Pastor
  - B. March Meatball Madness Potluck: Sunday, Mar. 19, following worship
  - C. Set-up and help clean up for Easter Breakfast: Sunday, Apr. 16
    - Zach will make sign up sheet; asking Council to consider helping
    - Service and Fellowship will provide for decorations and supplies
  - D. Next council meeting April meeting will be Tuesday the 4<sup>th</sup>;
    - Zach will take minutes in Nicolette's absence

Meeting was adjourned by Pat Sinclair at 9:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nicolette Rohr, Council Secretary