

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 EVANGELICAL CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, September 14, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Joe Ludwig.

Attendees: Pastor Linda Brown, Zach Anderson, Don Eissfledt, Jay Fiene, David Grefe, Joe Ludwig, Nicolette Rohr, James Sansom, Pat Sinclair, Paula Smith, Oliver Silveira, Marge Steinbrinck, Jo Thompson; Lyle Hodgerson

I. Preparation

1. Welcome Guests: Lyle Hodgerson
2. Sharing of joys and concerns
 - Jo Thompson and Nicolette Rohr shared information about the Riverside Art Museum Art Alliance fundraiser on Oct. 14
3. Inspiration: Devotions from Pastor
 - Matthew 25
 - Pastor would like council members to find non-profits and other agencies to partner with and focus on one per month and encourage Eden to reach out in the community more; Pastor is picking LSS
4. Review / Approval of the Agenda; with amendment (August not April) **(MSC)**
5. Review / Approval of Minutes from August Council Meeting **(MSC)**

II. Action

1. Pastor's Report: Pastor Linda Brown (see written report in packet)
 - Congratulations to Pastor on completing her two year course at the Center for Action and Contemplation
2. President's Report: Joe Ludwig
 - Lyle and Joe will discuss crafting a ten year plan for Messenger
3. Monthly Ministry Reports
 - A. Finance: Lyle Hodgerson (see written report in packet)
 - **Motion:** To purchase \$100 in gift cards for Pastor's use for food cards, with funds to come from Marie Callendar's/Ralph's line item **(MSC)**
 - Finance voted not to approve member's request to remodel/redecorate Bride's Room. Council agrees with this decision. Wedding parties can make minor changes (moving chairs, brining in mirror, etc.) on wedding days but the room is used for many other purposes much more often. Suggestion is to rename room for more general purpose. Lyle raised the issue of purchasing a plaque on the door to make name clear. Pastor will determine funding source. Jay suggested naming the youth room in the back of the fellowship hall Katie's Room and the room currently named the Bride's Room Luther's Room. **Motion:** To name current Youth Room Katie's Room and Bride's Room Luther's Room **(MSC)**
 - **Motion:** To allocate \$500,000 in funds from the Helen Crum Trust into new/separate banking account for security reasons. **(MSC)**
 - **Motion:** To get rid of extra copy machine (rarely used) sitting in hallway for a savings of \$140/monthly. **(MSC)**
 - **Motion:** To run credit check and background check for new executive assistant with money from general fund. **(MSC)**
 - Low giving/low attendance month; financials included in packet
 - B. Learning: Zach Anderson
 - Sunday School started last week with two students; Don reminded us that two students is better than no students
 - C. Evangelism (no report)
 - D. Property: David Grefe and James Sansom
 - lighting is working in containers

- Pat inquired about bids for cutting hedges to two feet or removing them completely; one bid received for \$5000 but Finance and Council need more information and a more specific breakdown/description of work to be completed; Property needs to provide at least one additional bid; Jay will look into second bid.
 - Pat requested information for total cost of container project; Chuck Wilson is looking into purchasing shelving; James feels custom shelving is best (\$4700 est.) and has already looked into ready-made shelving and found the modifications necessary to be too labor intensive; current quote is good through the 18th; Council discussed the cost and extended timeline of the project.
Motion: To accept the current bid for shelving with funds from the Helen Crum Trust not to exceed \$5000; **(MSC—**with one no and one abstention)
 - Thanks to Oliver and Martin Silveira for help with tree removal; we are in compliance with the city
 - Pat alerted the Council that the gate leading to the preschool does not lock; this is a violation and needs to be addressed so the preschool is in compliance; James and his brother will work on getting it fixed this weekend
- E. Service/Fellowship: Pat Sinclair (see written report in packet)
- Toni’s Goodbye Party/Potluck is Oct. 16; Pat asked Council to consider saying a few words; there will be a money tree at the event
 - Stewardship Baked Potato Luncheon Oct. 23
- F. Stewardship: Pat Sinclair (see written report in packet)
- Stewardship contest trees are up
- G. Worship and Music: Paula Smith (see written report in packet)
- Nicolette asked for more information about Worship & Music minutes/committee sign-ups; sign-ups did not happen on Rally Sunday
- H. Technology: Zach Anderson and James Sansom
- Pat followed up on the sound system; Zach feels the costs of replacing would be exorbitant; Pat wants to see more information on how to improve our existing system; Choir has a hard time hearing the Pastor and some in congregation have a hard time hearing the Choir; Zach suggested new microphone equipment and ensuring equipment is not interfered with
 - Zach reported that hearing devices are now working
- I. Brothers in Christ (B.I.C): Pastor
- Issue with organ has been addressed; lock has been installed
5. Monthly reports from organizations
- A. ELCW: Paula Smith (no report)
- Pat mentioned LSS Walk-A-Thon Oct. 1; Eden is last stop and ELCW is providing refreshments
- B. EL Preschool: Pat Sinclair (see written report in packet)
- overhang has been painted
 - Back to School Sept. 23
 - more information is required for the bid for replacing doors
- C. Helping Hands: James Sansom
- Scrip sales down; Marge suggested sharing more information about this program

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

III. New Business – no new business

IV. Continuing Business

1. Storage Containers: discussed in Property
2. Scholarships:
 - Pat reported that the minutes need to reflect the names of the scholarship recipients. They were Steve Anderson, Zach Anderson, Josh Anderson, Allisson Silveira, Emily Done, Shanna Done, Nick Harris, Shannon Barkely, and Rachel Grefe
3. Helen Crum Trust:
 - Pastor reported that approx. \$113, 833 from Trust is still to be disbursed
 - Marge reported Steering Committee will meet again in October
 - Lyle reminded Council to plan to consider how the income generated by the investments will be used

4. Reformation-500th Anniversary:

- Nicolette has submitted an article to the Messenger announcing commemorative year and inviting ideas
- Nicolette asked if there needed to be an official committee formed to plan; she has already met with Pastor and Chuck Wilson
- Marge suggested including our renaming of Luther's Room and Katie's Room as part of the commemorations
- Pat reminded Council that these commemorations are a good opportunity for community outreach
- Jo brought up the Icons exhibition of the Riverside Art Museum and All Saints Episcopal as a model of a church-community partnership
- Nicolette will speak with Worship & Music about incorporating special music, etc.

5. Amazon Smile:

- Jay reported that he is getting closer to having Eden designated as a charity to select when making Amazon purchases

V. Information

1. Head Usher for October: James Sansom

2. Upcoming events

A. Council Meeting – Wednesday, October 12, 2016 7:00 p.m.; executive committee at 6:30

Meeting was adjourned by Joe Ludwig at 8:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicolette Rohr, Council Secretary