

Cross Lutheran Church

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

February 19, 2015

Attendees: Rory Clark, Jennifer Manor, Tina Wisbiski, Terri Picklo , Kurt Kaufman, Jan Blohm, Carolyn Kammer, Jerry Anderson, Jessica Strye, Rob Haugen, Pastor Sherry Morrison, Claudia Karpinkas, Cheryl Tannas, Bob Leverenz, Charmaine Wray, Rebekah Smith, Taylor Haugan

Call to Order: 7:05 PM

Opening Prayer shared by Tina W.

Minutes of January 2015 Meeting

-Motion to accept: Tina W

-Second Motion: Kurt K

-Motion Carried

Special note that the minutes of December 2014 still need to be reviewed and voted.

Old Business (report, no discussion)

NONE

On-Going Business:

Kitchen Update:

- Rory is working with an architect to design the new kitchen and should have plans to share for March 2015 meeting. He is also reviewing with other churches to confirm why they are doing. We are able to conduct the February and March Community Suppers.
- We will request the Mt. Zion grant to cover the start of the process. You can request up to \$3500.
- Jerry Anderson received his renewal for his Safe Server kitchen certificate.
- Food side of the kitchen is reviewed by the county, Building side is reviewed by the building department.

Climb to Jesus Update: Currently at \$14,500. Still planning fundraising, but no plans for purchase. Hoping for a Spring 2015 purchase and build. The \$250 Visa card from Thirvent will be used by Community Ministry and the funds will be transferred to Climb to Jesus.

CEI Spring Play – CEI decided to not have a play this Spring due to timing issues within the team.

Staff Update:

- Staff is overall good.
- Rory and Pastor are still working on the vacation policy.
- Requested annual salary increase for Deb Jones.
 - o Motion to Accept by Tina W.
 - o 2nd by Rob H.
 - o Motion Carried
- Discussed classification of Community Nurse. Is the position staff or board? Pastor and Rory will review this and let Cheryl know. Most likely will be considered staff.

New Business

2015 Lenten Donations – The money will be used for the Chatterton MS Food Pantry. Jess will use the money to buy food, as money cannot be given directly to the school.

Youth Presentation by Rebekah and Tayloar:

- National Gathering
 - o Shared Video on how gathering impacts the host location
 - o Need to do fundraising to get there
 - Bowling Fundraiser with Corporate Sponsors on March 14.
 - Share Holders from the congregation. The youth will be sending them daily postcards to keep in touch. “Prayer and Share” – March 22.
 - o None of the youth, with the exception of Rebekah, have gone before. We are planning to send 14 youth.
 - o Volunteers are still needed. Claudia is the volunteer coordinator.
 - o \$7000 needs to be raised and the are ½ way there.
- The youth will be giving out Mini M&Ms on Palm Sunday for the congregation to fill with quarters and return for the ELCA World Hunger Walk.
- Collecting Used Paint for “Paint it Forward”
- Car Wash to raise funds for foster kids to go to camp.
- Lock in on Good Friday. They will be fasting and learning about urban gardening.

Wireless Network – The current wireless network needs to be updated. Dave P updated the firmware and it is now functioning much better. The question was raised regarding who needs access and if we should offer a public network. Concerns were raised for monitoring it and then it impacting church business. It was discussed and decided to not open it up. The passwords was changed and a notice is in the bulletin.

Recording the Sermon – We would like to start recording sermons to get them on the website. The equipment will be \$500 to \$1000. Discussed potentially using Thivent Action Plan for some money. Concerns were raised as to who would own the process, but the plan is to have an automatic setup.

Counting Issues & Reporting – There is a communication issue within the counting teams, but it has been addressed. Looking for a counter for the first Sunday of the month.

Treasurers Report

- Check requests are needed for check cutting. However, you do not need them for invoices. Those can just be marked as “approved”.
- Bob walked through Balance Sheet in detail to explain what it represents.
- Balance Sheet is in order.
 - o Currently -\$5,519.44
 - o Not going to worry about the numbers until 2nd quarter, as the winter was harsh
- Motion to Accept – Tina W.
- Motion 2nd – Jennifer M.
- Motion Carried

Round Table

Fellowship Team Update – Planning a Hoedown for October 3rd. A team meeting will be between services on Feb 22.

Sunday School needs to leave doors open, but it is too loud. Need to put signs out reminding people in the hallway to be quiet.

Community Ministry is researching grants for redoing the kitchen.

Collection for Humane Society was a success.

Christian Ed Update - VBS Planning has begun. April 8 is the 1st meeting. VBS will be August 4, 5 and 6 from 6 PM to 8 PM with a celebration the following Sunday. It will be for all ages, family bases, so you do not need children to attend. Theme will be “Trip to Thailand”.

Faith Community Nurse Update;

- Major change in Food Stamp program. Low income seniors appear to be hit pretty hard. Need to make sure we are checking on our seniors.
- CPR & First Aid classes were successful. 9 people attended.

Worship Team Update – Having interviews on Sunday for accompanist. Prayers for having a successful outcome.

Church Insurance – We no longer need the terrorist insurance and are paying \$39/year for it. After some discussion, it was decided to keep it. Better safe than sorry.

A concern was raised to offer silent voting at congregational meetings. This was a request by member(s) of the congregation. Specifically for any votes regarding the kitchen. There were concerns raised that it will be hard to determine when to do silent voting and when to not. Discussion was tabled to be revisited at a later time.

Meeting Minutes from the board meetings and congregational meetings should be on the website. The secretary should be sending them to Matt Tipton.

Practice Discipleship on March 7th for different ways of doing ministry for families, children, etc. Starts at 10 AM. Shared by Claudia.

Calendar Review and update:

Next Board Meeting – March 19, 2015 at 7:00 PM ET.

Closing Prayer shared by Tina W.

Motion to Adjourn: Rob H.

-Second Motion: Tina W

-Motion Carried

Time adjourned: 9:09 PM