

SLT Meeting

April 8, 2024 (5:15pm)

Attending: Bill Bertram, Pastor Duane Coates, Bev Enger, Justin Horsager, Bruce Larson, Jan McCarthy, Phil Mueller, Holly Neuberger, Barb Owen, Avis Richter, Alyssa Thomsen, Katy VanDyke, Carson Lint, (Confirmation student), Cindy Heidelberger (guest speaker)

Absent: Anita Tulp, Gail Pederson, Randi Watterson

Pastor Duane gave a devotion on 1 John 3:1-7 "We are each a child of God." Prayer.

Approve Agenda: Add resignation letter to New Business. Phil Mueller moved to accept the edited agenda. 2nd. Approved.

Approve Minutes: Justin Horsager moved to accept the minutes. 2nd. Approved.

Old Business: Worship times in the summer were discussed. Katie gave some statistics from past years as to numbers during the year and the summer. Numbers do decline in the summer, whether the time was changed or not. Holly Neuberger made a motion to change the time during the summer to 9:30 coffee fellowship followed by 10:00 church. 2nd. Motion failed. Bruce Larson made a motion to change hours to 9:30 church with coffee fellowship following. Motion passed. Summer hours will be Memorial Day to Labor Day. Contacts should be made to High Soaring Eagle Ranch and those using public transportation.

Set a time for SLT structure. Time will be set up after meeting for those interested.

Safer Sanctuary Policy: Katy, Barb, Gail, Bonnie Ranum and Pastor Duane will work on date.

Audit Update: Audits will take place on April 25. Letters to those involved will be sent out.

Verification Letter: Still working on it.

Church Management software: The new software seems to be working well.

New Business: Cindy Heidelberger presented to us information on Green Teams. She will be presenting on April 28 during church. We reviewed materials and can go to Ground Works Connect.com for more information. Questions: What Green Team will look like? Partnering with Washington School?

Resignation letter from Brenda Lint, Youth leader as of May 1. Holly Neuberger made a motion to accept with reluctance. 2nd. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Duane will be out of the pulpit on Sunday, April 14. Retired Pastor Peggy Zerface will be filling in. He will also be gone on May 5. It is Camp Sunday that day so Lints will fill in. Nine students are in confirmation. Confirmation for those ready will be May 19. April 26-

27 is work day at Wesley Acres. Confirmands will help on Saturday. General Conference is in Charlotte, NC on April 23-May 3.

Trustees: Lance Drevecky, Steve Nielson, and Bruce met with Kohn Electric on electric panels that need to be updated. Waiting on estimate. As long as we are working on updating the panels, insurance is OK. Needs to be done by September 1.

Working on some options for changing the locks.

Dawn Thomsen has asked for storage room for 4-H to provide concessions to youth baseball. Trailer and some storage within the church would be used for supplies.

Finance: Avis Richter shared that giving was down from last year. It's down about \$1,400 but doing OK. Avis will meet with Nikki on the 23rd and go over Nikki's job description and all accounts for the new software. Phil made a motion to accept the financial reports. 2nd. Motion carried.

Building loan was renewed at \$199,627.85. at 6.75% interest rate. Barber CD release date is April 2025. Commercial Loan is at \$96,791.48 at 6.77% interest rate.

Consensus is we work on Capital Campaign and need a committee of 5-7 with chair to work on a 3-to-5-year increment. What are we going to fund? Tabled until next month.

Staff Parish: Bev Enger asked that the job descriptions for Christian Education and Youth Director go back to Staff Parish to do some tweaking of descriptions. Holly Neuberger said she would do an interim for Christian Education if an applicant is not found by fall.

May 5 – potluck for Lints and also seniors.

Next Meeting Wednesday, May 15, 5:15.

Bev Enger (Recorder)