

First Evangelical and Reformed Church Consistory Meeting

Monday, November 14, 2017

7:00 PM

President Alicia Moor called the 15 members present to order with prayer. Secretary's and treasure's report accepted.

Deacon President Patricia Offenbacher advised there would be a short meeting for deacons following the consistory meeting. She welcomed Cathy Gladfelter back to deacon duties.

Trustee President Paul Offenbacher advised the sidewalk renovation from the handicap parking area to the church is underway and should be completed this week. Five applications have been received for the position of church secretary and interviews will start as soon as they can be set up. Beverly Snook and Eleanor Brown have been asked to organize a luncheon for Gloria Moening in January as her last day as secretary is December 31. It was explained there has been a problem with the Narcotics Anonymous Support Group not leaving the church in good condition and that a written amendment to their contract has been given to them tonight. If the problems continue they will be asked to no longer meet at the church.

Elder Ted Nusbaum advised the elders are discussing the direction of children's Sunday School. The weather cancelation policy will be placed in the bulletin. Security for the church has been discussed in view of recent church shootings. The Natural Church Development Committee has been set up with Sherri Maurer as leader. There will be a January memorial service for members who have passed away in 2017. Pastor evaluations will be more frequent than once a year as they now so that issues can be addressed in a timely fashion. Advent readings will be read by Elders with families selected to do the candle lighting. There was a rumor that only the trustees could discuss issues with the church secretary. This is not true as elders need this communication also.

Ted Nusbaum advised the Spiritual Committee has asked Beverly Snook and Eleanor Brown to organize a carry in luncheon on December 3 to celebrate the beginning of Advent. Santa will be making an appearance after the luncheon instead of a Saturday lunch as in the past. There will then be singing and a bible trivia game. It was noted that during the church service that day pew communion will take place.

Ted Coon advised the Search Committee has been hard at work and will be taking their time to select a good candidate. Information for the position will be sent to two seminaries in the area. Kim Coon has set up a web site so that those on the committee can look at resumes that are submitted. Paul Offenbacher advised the trustees placed \$5,000 in the budget for expenses for the committee. Alicia Moor advised the CCCC have not been responsive to our needs.

Old business: Alicia Moor thanked Missy and Jeff Grapner for filling in deacon slots and welcomed Cathy Gladfelter back to deacon position. Moor then advised she needed any nominations for open consistory positions by the December meeting. She also asked anyone who has an annual report to get it into the office as soon as possible to help with the secretary position transition.

Ted Nusbaum and Alicia Moor led a discussion on church security due to recent church shootings around the country. Charles Chevront moved that the sheriff's office be contacted and a request for Deputy Damien Tibbs to make a presentation on church security be made. Second by Sherri Maurer, motion carried.

The accuracy of attendance count on Sunday was discussed and it was decided the count by the deacon would be used in the bulletin. Attendees will be reminded to sign the pew pads. Names not on the list but known to be in attendance can be added to church record.

Ted Coon moved that we terminate our affiliation with CCCC as they have been contacted for help several times in the last six months and there has been no response. Sherri Maurer seconded the motion, motion passed. Ted advised the constitution will need changed and made a motion to restart the committee, so those changes could be made before the annual meeting so that both issues could be voted on during the annual meeting. Seconded by Ted Nusbaum, motion carried. Ted Nusbaum was asked to head the committee since we no longer have a pastor. Barbara Blackburn advised that there are also changes that need to be made to the constitution that were found when the previous pastor was released. These will also be forwarded to the committee for consideration.

Beverly Snook asked that advertising information for the holidays be given to her so an ad may be placed in the paper. Alicia Moor advised she would get her the information. Beverly advised the shut-in trays will be packed at 10 a.m. on Saturday, December 16. Currently there are 10 to 12 shut-ins. Ted Nusbaum advised the caroling for shut-ins will be December 17 and any baskets remaining will be delivered then. He also asked that those who prepare the trays stay to help put together the box lunches for community luncheon the next day. A sign-up list for volunteers to do the luncheons next year is in the foyer.

Ted Nusbaum moved to dismiss; seconded by Cleadous Hawk, motion carried. Meeting closed with Lord's Prayer.