

Meeting called to order at 7.15pm by President Dale Gruenewald. Those in attendance were Charlotte Mehrtens, Rich Hoffelmeyer, Earl Doerr, Bob Timmer, Dale Gruenewald, Kathi Trent, Stacy Woehlke, Pastor Weber and Pam Gowens. Pastor opened with a prayer.

BCE report: Next meeting is Thursday, May13th.

Treasurer's report: Pam relayed that the 4 Edward Jones CDs that had either reached maturity or will do so by June have been rolled over for 1 yr as agreed during the April Council meeting. The two accounts that produce interest checks - one which is the In Loving Trust at FNB Waterloo, the other which is the Cemetery CD at Edward Jones - don't allow for us to simply reinvest the interest; we'll have to wait until they've reached maturity to make changes. The CDs that had Doris Steiger and Vicki Pellmann as signers were transferred to Dale and Pam.

Pam presented the new Mission Report with month-by-month details of donations made and paid forward; members of Council signalled appreciation of the more precise accounting of funds.

Rich questioned having piano tuning come out of the music fund vs. maintenance, arguing that since it is a recurring expense, it makes more sense to come out of maintenance and Council concurred. This question was a result of Pam and Rich going through all the accounts and funds and studying how the different accounts map to their expenses and if everything makes sense. They are still in the process of completing that work.

Kathi motioned to accept the Treasurer's report; Earl seconded. Motion carried.

Minutes: Minutes for the April Council meeting had previously been emailed for review. Rich motioned to accept the minutes; Charlotte seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor's report: Pastor noted the marriage counseling he has been providing for an upcoming wedding as well as the funeral for Debbie Doerr's father; the requests for his services as Memorial Hospital on-call chaplain remain minimal.

He is focusing energy on broadcasting for Vacation Bible School this July, including working on recruiting youth and adults to help. Ken Allen mailed out forms to previous participants of VBS, Sunday School and pre-school. There have been 2 meetings so far, and they are planning to meet every 2 weeks to get everything in place by July. As of now, plans are to have a relatively normal VBS.

Preschool graduation is set for May 17th with about 40 guests, and their Luau party is scheduled for May 19th.

Wednesday, May 12th, Zion is hosting MCS 6th graders for a tour of the building and a history of the Church. That same day, Bill Savering is hosting local EA pastors for a luncheon and meeting.

Rich motioned to accept the Pastor's report; Kathi seconded. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Audit & Budget: Rich presented his audit observations, some items of which have already been resolved. Of note were suggestions for how to more thoroughly examine monthly treasurer's reports, transfer of monies to more appropriate funds, investment of money to earn better interest and approval process for projects. It was agreed that for greater transparency and proper accounting for how expenses will be tracked and/or taken from appropriate funds, Council should be informed of projects, including projected costs. Plans are underway for a mid year audit, including the creation of an audit checklist to ensure a more consistent auditing process.

Long Range Ministry: Stacy presented numbers from the 2019 Church picnic in order to make plans for this year. Stacy is going to take care of ordering necessary goods and organizing the collection and transport of picnic supplies; Dale will organize the grilling on the day of the picnic.

Mission & Outreach: Mary Lou was not present; nothing addressed in her absence.

Staff/Parish Relations: Kim was not present, but Rich reiterated the need to do Pam's 3 month review. Dale, Rich and Kim will coordinate.

Property: Jodi Stumpf did a good amount of gardening to refresh the look of the front of the church and Dennis Hopfinger planted the beautiful garden at the back entrance.

The yard sale is coming up on the 5th of June. Much help is needed to get everything priced and ready.

Volunteer Ministries: Kathi had nothing to report but Earl mentioned that the kitchen band is still waiting for word on places they can go.

Worship & Music: Pastor noted the wonderful special music we had for Mother's Day. Thanks to Mary Lou Bretsch for coordinating with Doris Roach to once again share her talent and for accompanying Doris as she sang. Thanks also to Ken Allen and Patty French for the beautiful prelude.

Cemetery Board: Charlotte had nothing to report.

Old Business: Earl provided the updated church rental agreements. Bob motioned to approve; Charlotte seconded. Motion carried.

After the April Council meeting, Stacy had checked on the In Loving Trust Window and confirmed Marilyn Fischer and Irma Hecke need added. She will work with Pam to contact Jodi Notter to get it updated.

New Business: Earl is making plans for Music at the Park on June 13th from 6pm - 8pm.

Earl also brought attention to the fact that we haven't been ringing bells at the start of service and Council agreed we should start doing so again.

Stacy motioned to adjourn; Earl seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

President - Dale Gruenewald

Secretary - Stacy Woehlke