

Meeting called to order at 7.19pm by Secretary Stacy Woehlke. Those in attendance were Charlotte Mehrtens, Mary Lou Peter, Kim Mueller, Bob Timmer, Stacy Woehlke, Pastor Weber and Pam Gowens. Pastor opened with a prayer.

BCE report: No report.

Treasurer's report: Pam relayed Jodi Notter has been contacted about making additions to the In Loving Trust Window; Jodi will make the updates when she is available.

Presto X, the Church's pest control service, has gone up by \$4 per month, from \$24.67 to \$28.67. This is likely due to factors such as increased gas prices, truck driver shortages, etc.

The MFisher Investment CD at First National Bank of Waterloo has a renewal date coming up on June 28 and Pam requested input for any changes we might want to make. Council discussed the MFisher Gift Fund Balance of \$131,767.96 that had originally been held aside for any immediate improvements that were needed for the Church. However, that large sum of money is not making any interest for us. Bob motioned to take \$100,000 from the MFisher Gift Fund Balance and add it to the MFisher Investment CD; Kim seconded. Motion carried.

Pam pointed out two larger than normal payments that had to be made. One in April was to the IRS, \$1106.12, was to make up for a missed payment in quarter 4 of 2017. The second was the April utilities payment due to both a higher than normal utility rate as well as making up past-due payments. As of May, the utility rate is back down to normal.

We have 18 children already signed up for the 2021/2022 preschool year, with payments made by most families.

Pam brought up the new Mission Report as well as the fact that we have different account numbers for incoming funds versus expense funds and that it doesn't provide a straightforward picture of correct payments being made. She will investigate the possibility of clearing up some of the unnecessary ambiguities.

Kim motioned to accept the Treasurer's report; Charlotte seconded. Motion carried.

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

Pastor's report: Pastor expressed great pleasure at being back out at the Church Park for Sunday services. So far the weather has been pleasant and cooperating.

He reported that we have all the volunteers in place for Vacation Bible School this July and that we have 16 kids registered so far.

For his upcoming Sunday morning absences, Bill Savering will be covering Father's Day, June 20th, and Gary Franke from Bethesda Evangelical Church will be presiding over the service on July 4th.

Although he continues to serve as an On-Call Chaplain for Memorial Hospital, his services have not yet been required.

Kim motioned to accept the Pastor's report; Charlotte seconded. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Audit & Budget: Richard was not present; nothing to address in his absence.

Long Range Ministry: Stacy presented numbers from the June 6th Church picnic, which were close to the 2019 picnic. The meat order continued to be the correct amount, though it was agreed extras like tomatoes, onions and sauerkraut aren't utilized to necessitate their consideration in the future. It was also agreed that the sno cones are not popular enough to justify the extra effort; the VBS picnic is perhaps the better option for its use since more kids should be in attendance. Charlotte suggested perhaps the fishpond, a tradition from past picnics, could be tried next year and an advertised starting time for any planned games would help families plan to stay so their kids can participate.

Mission & Outreach: Mary Lou just reiterated that that Mission Report is a big help with understanding the state of missions giving but that she looks forward to Pam figuring out the different accounts numbers for greater transparency.

Staff/Parish Relations: Kim conducted Pam's 3 month review at the end of May. Things are going well and Pam's monthly stipend was initiated for the month of June.

Property: Earl was not present but had provided some information to be shared in his absence. The yard sale on June 5 was a great success due to help from many Church members. Although the final numbers weren't yet available, over \$4700 was made, and less any final expenses, there should be around \$4500 in profit. Various charitable groups received many of the leftover goods.

Otto Faulbaum had submitted our requested corrections to the facilities rental agreements. Council decided to table their approval until the July meeting; Pastor will have copies made for members to review and approve.

Volunteer Ministries: Kathi was not present; nothing to address in her absence.

Worship & Music: Jam in the Park took place the evening of June 13. Earl sent a note to Stacy that 8 musicians shared their talents and roughly 60 people were in attendance to enjoy the music on a nice, breezy evening. Charlotte acknowledged that the plans were made on short

notice this year but that it would be nice to get some advertisements made next year to draw more attendance.

Cemetery Board: Charlotte reported that Bluffs Grange had been out to the Freivogel Cemetery to place flags on veterans' graves for Memorial Day. She wanted to express her appreciation for what a great job Andrew Taake does as groundskeeper for the cemetery, despite the challenges of having to mow around some difficult headstones. Also, ZTeam has a to-do list item to add rock to the lane in the cemetery.

Old Business: There was no old business to address.

New Business: Mid year budget/audit plans need to be made and this will be addressed in July when Richard is able to be present.

Charlotte brought up the suggestion that we have some old-style paper church fans made, the kind with a picture of the Church on the front and pertinent information on the back (ie, phone number, address, Sunday School and Worship hours, etc). These would be ideal for handing out at different Church-related events like the BBQ, Millstadt Homecoming, and even worship services at the park. She will get back to us with pricing information.

Bob motioned to adjourn; Kim seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

President - Dale Gruenewald

Secretary - Stacy Woehlke