

Salem Church of Darmstadt

Council Minutes

September 9, 2019

Present: Eldon Scott, Elaine Daniels, Jason Smith, Linda Thomas, Linda Epperson, Susan Straub, Dave Lundy, Stew Hall, John Stock

Others Present: Pastor David, Lori Feil

Eldon Scott called the meeting to order at 6:30PM.

Pastor David gave the devotion based on Acts 3 managing gifts, followed by prayer.

Treasurer's Report: reviewed with Lori Feil.

Secretaries Report: Linda Thomas made the motion to approve and Linda Epperson seconded. Minutes approved as written.

Old Business:

Sanctuary/Parish Roof: Lightning damage to phone system, sound system, landscape lighting, and steeple have all been repaired. Continue to have complications with reimbursement from insurance. New entry light will be purchased.

Search for Youth Leader: Elaine Daniels has had some interest for youth leader. Expecting resume soon!

Showcase for memorabilia: Eldon Scott reported showcase has been ordered.

Grounds Keeping Bids: John Stock is collecting bids for lawn/grounds care. Rick Johnson may also be interested in this project and trustees will pursue commercial/liability insurance.

Gutter Guards: Stew Hall reported that Kent Mann has been contacted to review/suggest changes to gutters.

Immanuel's Saturate USA project: Elaine Daniels and Eldon Scott reported process was very organized, 4 volunteers from Salem helped at 8AM.

Choir Director: Eldon Scott announced Andrea Williams has agreed to be the new choir director effective 9/11/19.

New Business:

Special Offering for disaster relief in the Bahamas: Special envelopes will be placed in bulletins on 9/15 and 9/22. Money collected will be sent to the Salvation Army Disaster Relief fund for the recent hurricane.

Lacrosse Team from North High School: requested to use the gym for some practices, by consensus, the council agreed.

Church Weddings: Agreed rental fee \$20 will be charged for Altar candles. Pew candles are no longer be available as may pose a fire hazard.

Budget: Eldon Scott presented preliminary budget. All members are to review and make suggestions to Eldon before next council meeting. Budget includes an annual parking lot maintenance fee; a line item for grounds maintenance; secretary's budget to be increased to reflect the actual dollar per hour for hours budgeted; Youth Leader position to be budgeted, and percentage raises for all staff. Congregational meeting for budget approval is to be November 24, 2019.

Council members were asked to submit nominations for three members of the congregation to serve on the nominating committee.

Parking Lot: Gaylen Farney suggested that the paved parking lot is not thick enough to handle traffic from heavy trucks. After much discussion, John Stock moved that the trustees will search for solutions to the heavy trucks using the parking lot. Stew Hall seconded and motion carried.

Tables for Dinners: Tables are removed from Sunday School classrooms to the fellowship hall when have church dinners and are not always returned in timely manner. Since tables are heavy, the trustees will pursue "lighter" tables the number needed, and if current tables need replacing.

Trash Removal after church events: The charge for additional trash pickup is \$125. It was decided to add arranging for additional trash pickup after event to the list of responsibilities of the event chair and the fee charged to the event.

Picnic Tables: Susan Straub made the motion for the trustees to evaluate the current picnic tables and purchase new tables as needed. Linda Thomas seconded and motion carried.

Evansville Rescue Mission: Donations of stuffing mix will again be requested from the congregation for the Thanksgiving Dinner at the Rescue Mission.

Work Day at Church: October 26 will be a work day at church. Donation of soup and dessert requested.

Ice Machine: If dirt is found in ice, the ice is to be removed from ice machine and wiped clean.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Straub

Secretary