

Salem Church of Darmstadt

Council Minutes

October 14, 2019

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

Others Present: Lori Feil, Rick Johnson

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

Eldon Scott gave the devotion "The Privilege to go to God in prayer" 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.

Note of interest: Two people attended Salem from Immanuel's Saturate USA mailing.

Old Business:

Sanctuary/Parish Roof: New entry lights installed. Received check from insurance company for lightning damage. There remains some disagreement with the insurance company regarding repair/replacement as some damaged items are no longer in production.

Clarification: There are two different insurance claims, the contested claim involves the roof and siding. The claim for lightning damage is pending to be determined by the problem with the steeple light.

Search for Youth Leader: Elaine Daniels is in contact with Oakland City University for possible candidates.

Showcase for memorabilia: Eldon Scott reported showcase is forthcoming and payment will be from undesignated memorials.

Grounds Keeping Bids: Trustees presented Rick Johnson with requirements for grounds keeping. Rick has agreed to volunteer these services to the church. Council expressed appreciation for this service. Bids were obtained from Scotty's Lawn and Garden and Bilderback Lawn Pride Plus.

Gutter Guards: Stew Hall reported that Kent Mann will have gutter protection on all buildings of the church by the end of October.

North Parking Lot Entrance: After much discussion, the trustees will install posts and a chain across the north entrance to prevent use by heavy trucks. It was also suggested to place a speed bump close to the fellowship hall entrance to slow outgoing traffic to prevent hitting pedestrians. Also suggested to paint a crosswalk at both entrances of church and possibly paint lines to indicate where the road is and not just assume is part of parking lot. Linda Epperson made the motion to add the speed bump close to fellowship hall, Dave Lundy seconded and motion carried.

Tables: Picnic tables are in process of being repaired. Karen Agee is evaluating the number of tables needed for church dinners. Some heavy and marred tables in Sunday School rooms may also need replaced. Trustees to evaluate and replace as needed and decide what to do with the "old" tables.

Workday at Church: focus will be inside the church. Elaine, Eldon and trustees are compiling a list of work to be done and will place in bulletin so that volunteers can come prepared. There will also be a signup sheet for food for lunch.

New Business:

Nominating Committee: Suggestions were made for members of church to be on the nominating committee. These members will be asked to attend the November Council meeting at 6PM. The elders, deacons, and trustees were asked to submit 2-3 names for new members of the council.

New Flooring: Junior Church room, nursery room, and stairway by elevator need new flooring. Confirmation room also needs some renovation. A designated memorial fund from the Young's Estate will be used to provide funding for this in late spring.

Medical Equipment Rental: Barb Huber has volunteered to be in charge of this endeavor. Trustees will be asked to repair items as needed.

Fall Festival: Will need new chairpersons for Fall Festival Booth 2020. Elaine Daniels thanked the Stock's and the Straub's for their leadership in past two years. In support of the West Side Nut Club's dedication each year, all booths were asked to donate an hour's profit to the West Side Nut Club member that had an injury during the fest. The Council agreed to donate \$150 from the Love Fund Account.

Budget: Eldon Scott presented updated budget from last meeting and asked for additional comments. Suggestion was made to look into emailing rather than postal mailing of the Echo and other church mailings to save on postage, paper and staff's time to assemble mailers. Members could continue to request paper copies. Holly and Lori will be asked for input on this. Congregational meeting for budget approval is to be November 24, 2019.

Pastor Appreciation: Some questions regarding church giving check for appreciation vs individual member giving to avoid tax. CPA recommended the church continue to issue the check as the IRS has strict rules regarding this issue.

Fellowship Hall Door: The outside door to the fellowship hall has been found unlocked. The two doors on the west side are to be used for entrance, the east door for exit. If the west doors are used for exit they will unlock. Stew Hall will pursue signs for the doors.

Missionary Monies: The missionaries in Kenya that the Council voted to support at the August meeting are not active at this time. Another group recommended by Pastor David is the Commission to Every Nation. Randy and Tammy Smith are the missionaries ministering to South East Asia. This couple is from Indiana. Elaine Daniels made the motion and Linda Epperson seconded to support this family. The council approved the motion. Follow up reports regarding their mission will be requested.

Next Meeting: November 11, 2019 at 6PM

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Straub

Secretary

