

Salem Church of Darmstadt

Council Minutes

December 9, 2019

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

Others Present: Lori Feil

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

Pastor David gave the devotion Serving Contentedly followed by prayer.

Treasurer's Report: reviewed with Lori Feil. Lori reported the fair market value of the parsonage in 2020 is \$11,700. Discussion on changing Evangelism budget for 2021 to include extra money for caroling expenses as BOCE no longer funds this. Suggestion made to change special offering for Veterans Fund to Memorial Day rather than Veterans Day.

Secretaries Report: Linda Thomas made the motion to approve and Linda Epperson seconded. Minutes approved as written. Budget meeting minutes were reviewed. Elaine Daniels made the motion to approve, Linda Thomas seconded and minutes approved as written.

Old Business:

Sanctuary Roof/Lightning/Stairs: Dave Lundy reported a public adjuster has been retained on a contingency basis to resolve issues with insurance company on hail damage to roof. Insurance payment for lightning damage not finalized, as payment reflected depreciation rather than replacement cost. Treads rather than carpet are being considered for all stairways inside the church, cost estimates to follow. Church cleaning a success, most items were recycled or donated to Habitat for Humanity.

Search for Youth Leader: Elaine Daniels suggested a committee be formed to further the search.

North Parking Lot Entrance: Discussion tabled at this time.

Tables: Stew Hall reported 10 more tables will be purchased for ~\$80.

Nominees for 2020 Council: Elder: Mike Lynn; Deacon: Jean Baresic; Trustee: Karen Agee.

Officers for 2020: President: Elaine Daniels; Vice President: Jason Smith; Secretary: Jean Baresic, Treasurer: Linda Epperson

New Business:

Sunday School Rooms: Suggestion made to change the junior church room to the adult Sunday school room. Remodeling would be necessary to current junior church room including a door to the stairway, air conditioner, moving/discarding some appliances, updating lighting, flooring, and ceiling.

Flowers for Sanctuary: Many thanks to Mary Farney for her dedication for arranging flowers. This responsibility will now be a committee headed by Susan English.

Communion Duties: Suggested that the entire council be responsible for communion rather than just the trustees. This action will require a change to the Bylaws. A suggestion was made to separate the formal rules of the church (Bylaws) and establish standing rules to effectively manage the operations.

Bylaw Proposed Changes: Article VII 12. The Council shall obtain supplies and set up for the Sacrament of Communion. Council or their designees shall serve Communion and clean up after. Linda Epperson made the motion for this proposal, seconded by Elaine Daniels, and the motion carried.

Article IX: Proposed to eliminate section 3 Board of Health Ministry as this has not been an active committee for some time. Elaine Daniels made the motion to propose eliminating section 3 of this article and Stew Hall seconded. Motion carried. These Bylaw changes will be brought to a vote at the annual meeting.

Annual Meeting: The date for the Annual Church meeting will be January 19, 2020 with inclement weather date of January 26.

Elaine Daniels announced the Calendar of Events for the church will be available in January 2020.

Next Meeting: January 13, 2020 at 6:30PM.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Straub

Secretary