

West Nidaros Church Council Meeting – Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Meeting Called to Order: Mike Bemboom at 7:04 pm

Devotions: Mike Bemboom

Members Present: Mike Bemboom, Mindy Rezac, Theresa Lien, Gail Carlson, Marv Wieman, Jim Ziesler, Jared Questad, Alissa Nelson

Members Absent: Chris Langloss, Terry Leraas, Ryan Faber, Dale Olthoff, Tim Tiaht

Visitors: Pr Jared, Sheryl Engler

Visitors Report:

Sheryl Engler

- Reported on Healthcare increases for 2020
- Continue with the Gold-Plus plan for 2020
- M/S: Theresa Lien/Marv Wieman
- Admin committee recommends a standard 3% increase for all staff
- ByLaws are submitted to the Synod, expect to receive word back by January congregational Annual meeting

Agenda:

New Business additions:

Projector in Sanctuary

Eternal Flame in Sanctuary

Weather cancellation policy

Explore interest options on liquid cash

M/S: Theresa Lien/Mindy Rezac

Treasurer's Report:

M/S: Marv Wieman/Jim Ziesler

Financial Secretary's Report:

M/S: Jared Questad/Jim Ziesler

Secretary's Report:

M/S: Gail Carlson/Mindy Rezac

Committee Review:

Chistian Ed - Mindy Rezac: Christmas program purchased, provide refreshments after Christmas program. Still need to purchase addition to stage. Kick-off Sunday was the largest ever (125 kids).

Mission & Outreach - No Report

Unfinished Business:

Bylaws/Constitution:

Sheryl Engler: ByLaws are submitted to the Synod, expect to receive word back by January congregational Annual meeting

Long Term Projects:

On-going

Master Site Plan Task Force:

Mike Bemboom: Discussions on additions, received proposal from Koch Hazard Architects.

Ministry Team membership:

On-going

Heritage Dining Room:

Heritage is being painted, carpenter coming soon, carpeting in 3 weeks. Looking for banquet chairs.

H&H Paving:

Received quote for \$17K - Bid is for finishing road between the church and the cemetery with crushed concrete and crushed asphalt on top. There will be no culvert because there's not enough space. Motion to move ahead with the bid, this part of the water mitigation plan in the Capital Campaign.

M/S: Jim Ziesler/Jared Questad

MLR Roof:

Have Master Site Plan task force review

New Business

HDR Parking Lot:

Discussion was held concerning the parking lot on the east side of the church between the church and cemetery.

Projector in Sanctuary:

Discussed the pros & cons of projectors vs TVs - replacing projector would be approx \$8k, TVs similar price. Place on hold until 2020.

Eternal Flame on the alter:

Council recommends keeping the flame going all the time.

Weather cancellation policy:

Add KSFY to cancellation notifications, in addition to social media & KELO

Explore interest options on liquid cash (bank interest):

Do some research on getting better interest on liquid cash - visit First National Bank about available options, talk to Endowments about Mission Investment Fund

Review of Pastor's Report:

November 17th - Organ concert with Marilyn Schempp along with 4 brass players, 3PM

October 14th - Attended a Church continuing education event with Elise Hasche

Seven new families joined

Reformation Sunday - 19 9th graders being confirmed

Pastor out Tuesday, Oct 29 & Wednesday Oct 30

Review of Faith & Formation Report: (see below)

Review of Youth and Family Ministry Report: (see below)

Review of Music & Worship Report: (see below)

Review of Ministry Teams Minutes:

Other Reports:

For Your Information:

Thank You's:

Jared Questad for the dirt work

Next Council Meeting: Sunday, November 17th, 2019 at 11:45am

Next Ministry Teams Meeting - Wednesday, November 6th, 2019 at 7:00pm

Meeting Adjourned: Mike Bemboom at 8:35pm

M/S: Jim Ziesler/Theresa Lien

Director of Faith Formation Report October 2019

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Calendar

- September 11th KMA meetings, Confirmation
- September 15th Worship, children's message, 3rd grade bible lesson, Sunday school
- September 18th Confirmation
- September 22nd Worship, children's message, Sunday school
- September 25th Confirmation
- September 29th Worship, children's message, Sunday school
- October 2nd iFaith, Parent Night with Health Ministries
- October 6th Worship, children's message, 3 year old/parent Sunday school
- October 9th Confirmation, KMA meetings

Planning/Organizing

- Planning children's messages.
- 3 year old and parent/grandparent Sunday school happens the first Sunday of each month.
- Helping Sunday school teachers find substitute teachers as needed.
- THANK YOU to Health Ministries for all of their planning and food preparation for our Parent Night on October 2nd. We had a panel of professionals sharing their experience with suicide and emphasizing that God has created each of person and loves them. I lead a devotion from 1 Corinthians 12:12-27 emphasizing that each person is important in the body of Christ. We had about 200 students and adults attend.
- Planning Sunday school opening time and lesson introduction.
- I lead the 3rd grade bible lesson for 3rd grade students and their parents. THANK YOU to WELCA who purchase the bibles, put the student's name in it, plan snacks for the class, and assist with the bibles.
- Planning iFaith with Elise. We have about 20+ students who attend!
- Met with the Mission KMA about the Sunday school offering going towards bedding for the children's beds going to Horse Creek.
- I purchased a Christmas program. We'll start practicing at the end of October.
- Our first GIFT (Growing In Faith Together) Sunday of the year is this Sunday, October 20th. ALL are welcome to attend this large group event during the Sunday school hour, 9:20-10:20, for ALL ages. There are NO regular Sunday school classes on GIFT Sundays.
- Looking at the Faith Formation budget for 2020.

Other Ministry

- Pastoral care
- Writing council report and info for The Reporter.
- Communicating with Pastor Jared, Elise, Board of Education, Sunday school teachers, students, and parents.

"So deeply do we care for you that are not only willing to share the gospel of God, but our very selves because you have become so dear to us." 2 Thessalonians 2:8

Director of Youth & Family Ministry/Office Administrator Report – October 2019

Elise Hasche

September 11 – Confirmation, High School Ministry
September 18 – iFaith, Confirmation, HS Ministry
September 22 – Lead SS music
September 23 – Tri-Valley Coronation
September 25 – Confirmation, HS Ministry
September 26- October 4 – Vacation
October 6 – Lead SS music, played with the Call
October 9 – 9th grade students made their stoles
October 13 – Lead SS music, students sang during 10:30 service
October 14 – Church communication workshop
October 16 – iFaith, Confirmation, HS Ministry

Youth & Family

- We have 19-9th grade students getting confirmed on Reformation Sunday. Gearing up for all the things that are involved with that.
- Will be taking a handful of 4-6 grade students to Okoboji Bible Camp near Milford, IA for a weekend retreat October 18-20.
- Was excited to have 7 out of the 10 candidate on Homecoming Court at Tri-Valley be active youth members! Unfortunately none of them won but it was fun to see their involvement in the process.
- Sending weekly emails to confirmation families to make sure they are well informed of upcoming events.
- Excited about our 2020 summer trip to Perry County, Kentucky this summer with ASP (Appalachia Service Project). This will be my first time working with this organization but have heard nothing but good things about them. They have been serving the region for 50 years.

Office Administrator

- Creating bulletins, announcements, WN Weekly email, and The Reporter monthly.
- Updating bulletin boards around the church as well as creating posters for various events and ministries.
- Posting updates and events on Facebook.
- Creating Proclaim slideshows for worship.
- Putting together mailings & documents for children & youth ministry, WELCA, stewardship, & whoever else needs one.
- Attended a workshop with Pastor Jared about Church Communication. Will be working with him to implement what we learned.

Director of Music and Worship
Church Council Report – September 2019

Worship Service Schedule—

September 1 – 9:30 Worship (Now the Feast and Celebration)

September 8 – 8:15 Traditional Worship; 10:30 worship led by the Call

September 15 – 8:15 & 10:30 Traditional Worship

September 22 – 8:15 & 10:30 Traditional worship (Kristi gone)

September 29 – 8:15 Traditional Worship; 10:30 worship led by the Call

Ongoing responsibilities include:

- Scheduling of Organists
- Selecting hymns for traditional worship services
- Selecting appropriate contemporary worship songs to be led by The Call
- Communication with members of The Call and organists regarding worship/rehearsal times and upcoming events
- Communications with Worship/Devotion Committee
- Assisting Pr. Jared with worship schedule and general worship planning

Responsibilities specific for September include:

- Attended September KMA meeting, Sept 11

Submitted by Kristi Stelter