

Our Father's Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Notes
April 5, 2022, Meeting started: 7pm.

Present: Dan S., Brian W., Erin S., Amy J., Shannon S., Jody B., Tiffany D., Pam H., Pastor Aaron
Absent: Chandler D., (excused prior)
Staff Present: Brittni Bronczyk, Melissa Ungaro

Devotion & Prayer – Pastor Aaron

Internal Ministries:

1. OFLC Room reappropriation proposal – Melissa & Brittni presented a proposal for the South and North wings, optimizing space for resuming ministries, accommodating future needs, and facilitating any plan for addressing the North wing material condition. There will also be a cost for wiring for technology and electrical outlets, which John Gilb is getting quotes for. The whole congregation will need to help with implementing this plan.
Motion: Dan S. moved to proceed with proposal, as presented. Shannon S. seconded. Motion approved unanimously. Date to do the move will be on April 23rd.
2. Rodent infestation problem-Brittni raised issues with rodent infestation throughout the building, but particularly in the North Wing. With increased inventory for NourishingHOPE and other storage on the north wing, this presents a potential health and safety issue. A plan from Adam's Pest Control exists, and Melissa will give it to Council so the issues can be addressed during the Congregation's Spring work day April 23rd.
3. Council appointment – Wendy Gustafson as volunteered to serve as Vice President. Per Constitution, the Council is empowered to appoint Wendy by majority vote. **Council voted unanimously to appoint Wendy Gustafson as Council Vice President.**

Administrative/Personnel:

- Pastoral update (attached)
- Items for council consideration
 - a. Council Areas of Oversight Proposal – Pastor Aaron presented assigned areas of Council oversight for 2022. Council agreed to serve in this capacity, and information will be put on church's website.
 - b. Riverworks request for additional garden plots – Brittni requested, on behalf of Riverworks Thousand Hearts, for three additional plots to accommodate the additional requests for garden space.
Motion: Brian W. moved to authorize use of land for three additional beds, and use of water. Shannon S. seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
Brittni was asked to go back to Riverworks and ask they assume the cost of the mulch/soil.

Finance:

- Treasurer update – See attached report.

Other:

- COVID protocol updates for the congregation – Council decided no changes at this time. Input was provided by the Service Coordinators and Pastor Aaron.

- Expo booth – Saturday 4/9. Brittni and Shannon provided an update for OFLC, OFLC Foundation, and NH’s participation at the Expo. 9am-12pm.
- Fundraising discussion – Pam raised concern about lack of quotes for Sanctuary lighting, and that additional quotes are needed. This led into a discussion about other, significant needs with higher associated costs. Pam raised the question of presenting these needs to the congregation in order to initiate a fundraiser/capital campaign. Discussion will be continued next month to make decisions on how to communicate the needs to the congregation and whether a fund campaign needs to be started.
 - a. Sanctuary lighting ~\$23k
 - b. Sound system upgrades ~\$22k to \$47k
 - c. North end committee
- OFLC Foundation Fund Campaign Offer – Brian W. presented the offer for a “\$50 for 50” fund campaign, and is asking Council for a goal/reason for why the Foundation is raising the funds. Council consensus was to address the need for capital for various building improvements. Brian will go back to Becky to share Council’s thoughts.
- Upcoming Workshops
 - a. April 4/19/22 @ 7pm – OFLC Constitution Revisions
- VBS Budget Proposal – Lindsey Bervig sent a budget proposal and request for funds to pay for VBS curriculum and materials. Because not all council members received the information and Treasurer was not present, the vote will be held over email after all the information is provided to Council. A decision is needed April 30th.

Devotion next month:

May – Tiffany

Next Council Meeting:

May 3, 2022 07:00 PM

Next Council working group meeting (open to the congregation):

Apr 19, 2022 07:00 PM