

Woodlake Lutheran Church Leadership Board Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2017

Present: Anne Romstad, Scott Dahlquist, Kathy Hedman, Lesley Farnham, Deb Heinecke, Paul Olson, Kim Myers, Barb Halsne, Pastor Joanne Sorenson – Interim Pastor

The meeting convened at 6:05 with Deb leading us in devotions. Thank you Deb and Anne for providing treats.

1. The agenda was approved with an addition of business to close the “Reach” fund account. Anne attended a meeting when the subject of the collaboration between Woodlake and Oak Grove for the 500th Anniversary of Reformation celebration was mentioned. House of Prayer would like to be included in this event. Anne will talk to Pastor Charlie when he returns from vacation.
2. April’s minutes were reviewed. The question of who can assist with communion was again addressed since Deb and Pastor Joanne were there to give us their comments. There is nothing in writing and Pastor Joanne has not known this to come up at any of her congregations. The board feels that the person should be an adult or confirmed member of the church to assist. If someone requests to help and does not meet this criteria they can help with the baskets or other service such as ushering. Minutes were approved.
3. The treasurer’s report was presented. We were not able to see where the piano donations were noted in the report. The treasurer’s report was approved.
4. The “Reach” fund project has closed. Money has and may still come in for this program. A motion was made by Lesley to close the Reach Savings account and that going forward any money be allocated to the Properties Project Fund (#442 on the Treasurer’s report). Motion approved and seconded.

Barb will write a short article for the June Messenger to reflect this information.

5. Bob and Orv have been meeting to discuss salaries for staff. Once they have concluded the executive board will review and approve. It will then be brought before the Leadership Board for approval.
6. Joanne was welcomed to the meeting.
7. The Commissioner reports were open for discussion.
 - Paul said that some carpet samples have been chosen. He has a team pulled together to assist. This project is a work in progress but next steps are to get pricing to put the flooring down. He will check with Ebenezer to see who they used when they put new flooring in the north wing classrooms.

He hopes to have a sample display to present to the congregation at the semi-annual meeting. Landscape projects are also in process. The east gardens were removed. The west gardens have been built and ready for planting. The edge garden in front and on the east side are being addressed.
 - There was discussion on the mission trip finances. Julie Windler and Deb Jungers are in control of the funds and have been watching the payments for the trip. Kim has concern for the children’s program since there has been little to none for direction. Heather, Children’s Ministry coordinator, will work through this coming Sunday and the final

carnival activity. Her future is uncertain because of her health. We thank the volunteers who have stepped up and made this ministry available to the children.

- Scott addressed the partnership between the Adventistas and Woodlake resembling more like a “landlord/tenant” situation. We do not have a signed contract to rent to them so the financial contributions they give should be designated differently such as “offerings”. Consideration should be noted of the cleaning they do for us. This outlook would change the nature of our relationship.

Staff and Commission reports were accepted.

8. Old Business:

- The Solar Garden project is on hold until later in the summer. The company will not be doing any new residential areas until the fall.
- Anne will speak with Laurel or someone from 66 West to come to an indoor summer service and speak about the long-term housing for young adults. We could have a Mission Minute and then someone in the narthex explaining it further. They need financial assistance to set up a “closet” which is the set-up materials for an apartment. We thought perhaps a special offering at the door would bring in some funds for it.

9. New business:

- Paul presented the lighting & energy saving audit. This information had been e-mailed to the board previously. Paul made the motion that the proposal submitted by EnerChange and Premier Lighting with recommendations be accepted. Motion was seconded and approved. The cost of the project after rebated is \$8,378.91. We will be saving \$4,882 estimated per year. The payback period for savings in 1.72 years.
- Scott presented the Families Moving Forward **2018** concern that they have 17 open weeks and are asking for help to fill in those weeks. They offered three solutions with all of them requiring volunteers to help. Since they may have other solutions we did not agree at this point to taking on an extra week until we are certain we have the volunteers to do it.

10. Newsletter article for June is due by May 15th – Deb Heinecke

May 21: Confirmation, dedication of new pianos, semi-annual meeting

It was suggested that the dedication of pianos be done in the church and not the narthex. Deb and Anne will talk to Jeong.

June 4 - indoor service – Graduation recognition

June 4 - FMF will be here

June 8 – next Board meeting where congregation members may come between 6-7 pm to comment on the MSP prior to the Board Meeting. The Board meeting will follow any member comments.

Kim has devotions and treats for the June 8th meeting.

Outdoor services – 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sunday

Anne will do Messenger article for July, due June 15th.

Deb will speak with Karen Nilsen regarding making a Reformation banner.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Halsne