

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

July 20, 2022

PRESENT: Thaine Hopkins, Angie Christenson, Bill Mather, Brad Rubel, Michelle Rubel, Larry Perkins, Dr. Dwight Van Genderen, Amanda Gustafson, Pastor Deb Parkison, Kaye Van Genderen, Linda Olson and Jean Murray.

Doc called the meeting to order, and Pastor Deb opened with prayer. The minutes of the June meeting were reviewed and were approved as written.

The following reports were presented:

Trustees: Bill Mather reported that the lease is up on the copy machine and we have received a quote. The lease on a new machine is \$12.00 less than if we were to continue with our present copier. So they're going with the new machine. The garage door for the parsonage is in, and the total cost will be \$6257. \$3825 of that is for materials, and he's asking for a \$3000 down payment. Discussion was held on whether to pay just the \$3000, or the total of \$3825 for materials. Brad made the motion to pay the \$3000 down payment, seconded by Amanda. Ayes all, motion carried. The carpets will be cleaned on August 2. On the Sunday prior to that day, the tables and chairs will be moved. The Fellowship Hall will be cleaned, but not the hallways. The cost will be \$.45 per square foot, and Bill is thinking there is approximately 4500 square feet. Before they do the cleaning, he'd like them to give us an estimate so we'll know for sure what this will cost us. There were gutter guards on the church gutters when it was shingled, and also at the parsonage, but they're gone. So the gutters will need to be cleaned out. The cement slab by the back door has raised and is a hazard. Bill has left a message for Don Fuchs. Bill feels that it should be fixed. Linda may just paint the raised areas to draw attention to them. Discussion was held on what the best solution will be. We're in the process of getting quotes on snow removal. Linda reported that the praying hands sculpture has started to rot, and we're just going to let nature take it's course instead of taking them down.

Christian Education: Michelle Rubel reported that the next Christian Education/Sunday School Teachers meeting will be August 8 at 7:00 p.m. The Blessing of the Backpacks will be held on Aug. 21, and the first day of Sunday School will be September 11.

Laurens Youth Group: Angie Christenson reported that she was happy with the turnout for their ice cream sundae fundraiser. They went through 5 gallons of ice cream. They will be leaving on July 30 for Kentucky, and will return on August 6. They plan on visiting the Ark Experience on August 5. Their next board meeting will be held on August 14. They won't start meeting again until after the Spencer Fair. They will continue to sell their stock certificates until they leave.

United Methodist Women: Linda Olson reported that they made approximately \$500 selling pie during the summer celebration.

United Methodist Men: Brad Rubel reported that they served approximately 315 people during the summer celebration, and netted \$1043.00. Their next meeting will be held on August 6 at 8:00 a.m.

Endowment Fund: Doc Van Genderen reported that the Siddall endowment is down to \$179,038.19. They paid the Triumphant Sound quartet \$1000, Chuck Crain \$1000, and Sweet Harmony \$500. The Youth Endowment balance is \$2797.55.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Deb reported that she'll be gone this Sunday, July 24, because Sweet Harmony will be presenting their program in Griswold, at Jessie's church. Sarah Strohman will be filling the pulpit this Sunday. She will be gone July 30 through Aug.6, accompanying the youth on their mission trip. Karen Berg-Currier will fill the pulpit on July 31, and Melanie Hauser will fill the pulpit on August 7. She has been making hospital visits and nursing home visits. The installation for our new District Superintendent will be on August 14 at 3:30 p.m. at the Storm Lake United Methodist Church, and she won't be able to attend that. She's inviting anyone who wants to attend to do so. She will be officiating a wedding on August 13. She has been attending many ballgames of our youth. Her professional interview will be held in August.

Treasurer and Finance: Thaine Hopkins reported that the Pie Auction/Silent Auction/Bake Sale was a huge success. The June Operating Statement was reviewed. He plans to make another apportionment payment soon. He has made 5 of 7 payments so far this year.

Linda made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Michelle.

Administrative Council Secretary,

Jean Murray