

Board Minutes, January 16, 2024 in person and zoom

Attending: Tom Yuhasey, Moderator; Steve Aldrich; Francie Beaster; Jenny Delfs; Kevin LeVoir; Bruce Tyler; Carol Winter; Rev. Enno Limvere, ex-officio

The meeting was called to order, mission statement read, joys and concerns shared, this month's question contemplated, communication agreement read.

Minutes from December and January agenda unanimously approved.

Carol will do the newsletter article.

Financial Report by Kevin LeVoir approved and accepted.

There were fewer pledges this year, 26 pledging \$75,680.00 as compared to 33 pledging last year but at a smaller amount: \$65,000.00 More pledges will "trickle in." 77 givers in 2023 will get giving statements.

We are still seeking a Financial Secretary, may rely on members to count money and deposit in bank.

The proposed Budget for 2024 was approved for presenting to the Annual Meeting on Jan. 28.

Full details of Finances are available in the church office.

Once again, Kevin is MVP.

Pastor's Report by Enno Limvere was upbeat and positive.

Cook County Pride is asking to use our mailbox as it needs an "address" to apply for liability insurance. Moved and passed to grant use of mailbox.

There are three potential new members attending an orientation meeting on Jan. 25!

Peace in Palestine meeting had 12 attending including community members. Inspiring and informative. Follow up meetings are planned.

Interest from young families has been shown for Friday night potlucks and services.

A memorial service for Nancy Cihlar will be held on Jan. 27 at 11:00.

Lent begins on Feb. 14. There will be an Ash Wednesday service. The theme for Lent is "Rest is resistance."

Easter is early this year: March 31.

Training for OWL "Our Whole Lives" will take place in the Cities April 12-14. The program equips participants with responsible decisions about human development, relationships, personal skills, sexual behavior, sexual health, society and culture. We would focus on our youth.

Mutual Ministry Goals

The board is tasked with pitching ideas via email and at next meeting to enhance congregational life.

The Sock and Mitten tree was very successful. Jenny filled her car with boxes headed to Duluth's Damiano Center.

The Winter Annual Meeting agenda will include: Summer meeting minutes approved, Budget, Report on Architect (a contract was sent to the architect. He wants to meet with the board and congregation for our needs and desires.) Also on the agenda will be Committee, Moderator and Pastor reports.

Janitor work is currently being done by volunteers. We are seeking a paid person, offering \$20.00 an hour.

Northwoods Child Care is up and running with 10 children. A light (not motion) for that outside entrance is needed. Building and Grounds will be notified.

Committee Business

All committees are meeting and working. Reports will be forthcoming at the annual meeting.

Adjournment

We ended early, in good humor and "no fisticuffs!" (Bruce)

Respectfully submitted, Francie Beaster