

United Lutheran Parish Council Meeting

Grace Lutheran Church

Sunday, February 12, 2017 7:00 pm

Members present: Pastor Sarah Walker Brown, Brent Olson (NP), Diane Drinkall (NP), Deb Haugstad (PM), Steve Erickson (PM), Sonia McCabe (PM), Paul Boyum (A), Allen Kingsbury (G), Leroy Johnson (G), Beth Vitse (NP) and Keith Agrimson (A). Not present: Dana Knudsen (A) and Bill Grindland (G) .

President Brent Olson called the meeting to order. Pastor Sarah Walker Brown said devotion and prayer.

Secretary's report was given by Deb Haugstad. Allen Kingsbury made a motion to accept secretary's report. Keith Agrimson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was reviewed. Paul Boyum made a motion to accept treasurer's report. Beth Viste seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ULP nurse report:

Pastor Sara Walker-Brown said the parish nurse is very busy and has acknowledged some concerns of people she has visited and talked to.

ULP Youth League report:

None available.

Pastor report:

-Handling deaths in the area.

-There will be a September wedding at North Prairie.

-Confirmation: Confirmation kids are building relationships. They will go to Good Earth Village 3/11-3/12/2017.

Pulpit supply will be needed for 3/12/2017. Pastor Sarah Walker Brown will be on Continuing Education 3/3-

3/5/2017 and Cindy Eversole will be the pulpit supply. Renew Retreat is 2/26/2017 2:00-4:30 pm in Rochester. Root River Conference will meet after retreat. Pastor Sarah Walker Brown asked to have a representative from the ULP for the Rushford Red Cross Blood Drive. Beth Vitse nominated Diane Drinkall. Deb Haugstad seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Business:

-Election of officers: President-Brent Olson Vice-president-Paul Boyum Secretary-Deb Haugstad Treasurer-Chuck Eidenschink Financial secretary-Allen Kingsbury.

-Paul Boyum made a motion to pay Adam Drinkall \$100.00 per month for his work with the ULP website. Deb Haugstad seconded the motion. Motion failed. After discussing the matter, Keith Agrimson made a motion to pay Adam Drinkall \$150.00 per month for his work with ULP website. Beth Vitse seconded the motion. Motion carried.

-Rachel Boyum will be asked by Paul Boyum how she feels about her compensation of \$100.00. Rachel will be recognized for her 10 years of service as ULP nurse at Arendahl service on 2/26/2017.

-Lisa Kjord has been playing organ for 40 years for ULP congregations.

-Lenten service schedule: Ash Wednesday 03/01/2017 Arendahl 7:00 pm, rotation will continue with soup suppers at 6:00pm and service at 7:00pm. Maundy Thursday: 4/13/2017 7:00 pm Arendahl Good Friday: 4/14/2017 7:00 pm North Prairie Palm Sunday: 04/09/2017 Grace 9:00 am/Arendahl 10:30 am. Easter: 04/16/2017 Pilot Mound 7:00am with breakfast at 8:00am, Grace 9:00 am service, Arendahl/North Prairie 10:30am service.

-A discussion took place concerning the Messenger and bulletins. Pastor Sarah Walker Brown would like to have someone else responsible for the Messenger. A job description should be made. E-mail addresses would be an asset for the Messenger, as postage could be saved. Further discussion tabled to next meeting.

-More familiar music was requested for services.

-ULP Agreement; Section VII-first paragraph-first line-the words "one of the members being the president of its congregation" is to be stricken from the ULP Agreement. This is tabled to next meeting.

-Pastor Sarah Walker Brown would like to see one paid secretary for the ULP and a job description for the paid secretaries. Congregations should discuss.

-A formal review for Pastor Sarah Walker Brown was discussed and if every congregation had a person for the Mutual Ministry Support Group.

-Allen Kingsbury made a motion to pay for Pastor Sarah Walker Brown's SEMN Synod Assembly expense. Sonia seconded the motion. Motion carried.

-A discussion was held concerning the new ULP directory. There are some not pleased because of blurred pictures.

-It was mentioned that children sermon is too long and that a good job is being done with children's sermon.

-Next meeting will be at Pilot Mound on Sunday 05/21/2017 at 7:00 pm.

Allen Kingsbury made a motion to close meeting. Paul Boyum seconded the motion. Motion carried. Closed meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Secretary, Deb Haugstad