

Our Savior Lutheran Church Board of Elders Meeting

8:00 am Saturday, May 12, 2018

Members in attendance: Pastor Rick Jones, Vicar Matt, Nick Dreyer, Jim Potts, Ryan Schaan, Paul Dockter, Wayne Johnson, Eric Poppinga

Pastor Rick Jones opened the meeting with prayer.

Pastor Rick Jones presented a wonderful devotional covering the meanings, verses and foundations of our faith. We went through and discussed the basis of Lutheran faith, the Book of Concord, and the introduction and very beginning of the Small Catechism.

Pastor Rick went through the IIM candidates. We currently have three candidates, one of which is looking very promising. There is a Call Committee meeting scheduled for May 21st at 6pm. Rev. Daniel Barbey is one of the candidates who has been recommended by Josh Baumann. Rev. Barbey comes very highly regarded by Pastor Josh Baumann and seems as if he may be a very good fit. More updates are to follow after the Call Committee meeting, however things are looking quite positive in this area as of late. Along these lines, it was discussed that the final date (May 13th) for the surveys to be submitted will arrive, after which all comments will be compiled and will likely be available for the IIM interview process. Jim Potts mentioned he didn't feel it was necessary to have the results for the IIM interview process and that it would be more helpful to have these for the process of filling the permanent vacancy. Pastor Rick mentioned that there is an outside chance that an IIM candidate could be called to fill the vacancy, however that will remain to be seen and it would be best for us to be prepared for what the congregation is asking for as part of the survey process.

Chairman Nick Dreyer asked Jim Potts if he would like to give an update regarding the OSLC & Security Team. Jim responded that he was preparing to move forward with the program after approval. The Board of Elders agreed in the previous session that Jim Potts should chair the team, however there was some discussion and points well made by Vicar Matt that prior to any motions or voting, this item needs to be presented to the Governing Board for guidance and approval. Jim Potts stated that he thinks it would be best to receive approval by the Governing Board and the congregation prior to putting policies or people in place. The Board of Elders unanimously agreed previously and currently agrees with Vicar Matt's statement to put the item together and properly present it to the Governing Board at the next regular meeting.

There was additional discussion regarding attendance, leadership and children's ministry at OSLC. Various Board of Elders members had questions in regards to the elimination of Brittany Busch as a viable Director of Children's Ministry candidate and the relatively quick nomination and approval of Sue Dodd. Also, there was additional discussion of the Busch Family leaving OSLC and how that can and will look for children's ministry moving forward.

Karen Aga, Dick Messerly, and Evelyn Hildebrand joined the meeting at 8:45am and spoke very heartfelt, instructively, and passionately about the Angel Tree ministry. The Board listened attentively and asked a few questions in regards to support, funding, how the children receive the gifts, and who is involved; two questions of the sort were asked by Ryan Schaan and Jim Potts. The Angel Tree representatives asked if the Board of Elders would continue to support this ministry. A vote to continue the support for the Angel Tree ministry was unanimously in favor.

Chairman Dreyer discussed a couple of items in regards to Vicar Matt, his final days at OSLC, and some assorted miscellaneous in executive session.

Chairman Dreyer stated that the next Member Call Night is being held on May 15th @ 6:00pm.

Other business:

The trailers and miscellaneous items in the parking lot and sheds need to be finalized as to ownership and also as to where the items need to be relocated. Ryan Schaan brought up the shed, a saw, and trailer that needs to be addressed and finalized. It was noted that there were members of the Governing Board that were working on finalizing who these items belong to and where they need to go.

Lawn and yard care for Julie Krueger was discussed. Julie's lawn mower was not running properly and she needed some assistance with lawn care. Jim Potts stated that his family lives nearby, his wife is over to see Julie frequently, and between his family members, they were able to handle the situation for now and will ask for help if need be.

Chairman Dreyer adjourned the meeting and Pastor Rick Jones closed us in prayer. We adjourned to the Saturday Men's Bible Study at 9:12 am where a few of us took part in some wonderful Biblical discussion and enjoyed a most glorious gift from the Lord known as donuts.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Poppinga