

Congregation Council Update – December 17, 2019

Your Congregation Council met on December 17 at 6:30. Here is a report of what happened at that meeting.

Duane Danielson, treasurer, reported that revenue for November was less than projected. Expenses were also less than budgeted. Duane anticipates revenue will be more in December; there are five Sundays in December. The church office will be open on December 30 and 31 should you be concerned about fulfilling your pledge before the end of the year.

Ann Rowland announced that she has organized a caroling event at Edgewater on December 19. Invitations were sent to choir members.

Several council members met with CEC, an audio video equipment vendor, to discuss a proposal that CEC submitted in November. CEC's proposal consisted of adding audio and video connections to the kitchen and parish hall. The council approved the purchase of (1) audio from sanctuary to Parish Hall, (2) audio from sanctuary to the kitchen and (3) video to Parish Hall along with video sharing on the website; the council set the amount of expenditure for the system enhancement to not exceed \$8,500; the funds would come from a designated gift and from unrestricted memorial funds.

Several people have indicated an interest in serving as voting members of to the Southeastern Iowa Synod Assembly on May 1 to 3, 2020. The council has plans to name our two delegates at the congregation's annual meeting.

The congregation's annual meeting will be held on January 26 with a potluck lunch and the meeting starting at 12:45 PM. Ellen Graham, Susan Brennan and Sharon Aasheim will coordinate the council members who will be assisting in set-up and clean-up [some people might describe that as herding cats]. Committee annual reports should be sent to Heidi in the church office by December 28.

The Council conducted a Mission Review session. During that exercise the council itemized the churches 2019 accomplishments, identified missed opportunities and listed tasks that the council and congregation should pursue during 2020. These latter ideas included (1) creating a forum for members to share their faith story, (2) work with Zach Meyer to create a volunteer engagement system and (3) continue community conversations.

As always, detailed financial reports are available in the church office. These monthly council reports and approved council minutes are posted monthly on the church website.