

9-13-15

Elstad/ Highland Prairie Parish Council Meeting

Meeting called to order by President Gordon Johnson at 7:01 pm.

All Council members present except Charles Peterson.
A quorum was called.

Others in attendance: Pastor Marie AK Anderson; Robert Knutson
Devotions given by Pastor Marie

Congregation member Robert Knutson addressed the council with concerns on worship times and encouraged the council to look at the worship schedule now and address issues before it is time to put them in place at the annual meeting. Particularly having worship alternate between two churches during the summer and also having an hour between worship times.

The agenda was approved with the addition of item E-Tree by parsonage.
Motion to approve by Lyle, seconded by Vicki.

Pastor Report- Pastor Marie talked about confirmation; 2 mentors are needed from Elstad and 7 are needed from Highland Prairie.
Pastor will be gone Sept 27, and Daryl Thompson will be filling in.
Everyone should be thinking of people that would be available for Council

Life Touch Directory sent out info on church directories and it was noted that ours is 5 years old and an updated directory could be useful for the new pastor.

Pastor Mioche Rock from Haiti will be traveling through the area and would like to spend time at our churches if time allows. He would like to spend some time with the Sunday School Students.

Feed My Starving Children needs volunteers for Oct. 3rd also a 500 dollar donation is usually suggested on behalf of the churches.

New Business:

A transition Task Force- Tom Dybing reported that a questionnaire has been sent out and they were hoping to get more response. He also suggested to interview members who are new, have left, previous pastors and so on.
B Parsonage Maintenance- Lighting at entry is poor and it was suggested to leave the new LED lights on always for safety. Some of the carpet in the parsonage is in rough shape and it would be good to look at removing it and having the wood flooring underneath rehabilitated.

C Summer Worship Discussion- Worship at the opposite church every other Sunday seems to affect offering and should be considered when making the 2016 schedule.

D Worship service time 9 or 11- Council is urged to get the discussion rolling with congregation members.

E Tree by Parsonage- The maple tree West of the parsonage needs to be looked at by a professional. Kyle will talk with Norby tree service about the best action to take.

Motion to adjourn by Sarah, seconded David. Motion passed at 8:30 pm

Submitted by Council Secretary, Kyle Chiglo.