

December Council Minutes Tuesday, December 20th, 2016 7:15pm

Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Hilary Terland at 7:17 p.m.

Present: Brian Rosenthal, Brenda Schroeder, Don Amundson, Vicki Schuh, Elizabeth Kaashagen, Barb Klemp, Hilary Terland, Pastor Brenda Lovick. Absent: Sonja Christensen.

Adopt agenda: Motion by Barb Klemp and 2nd by Don Amundson. No discussion. Passed.

Devotions: "One Minute Stewardship Sermons" and Luke Chapter 1. 4th Sunday of Advent (Mary's Sunday). Taking care of God's family. Meeting is opened with prayer.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to amend November, 2016 minutes, letter 4F. Should read as "Motion was 2nd by Barb Klemp". Motion to accept the amended minutes with those changes by Brenda and Vicki. No discussion. Passed.

Treasurer: Financials – Elizabeth

Income exceeded Expenses by \$2,219.10! General Offerings were \$1,002.92 more than November '15, but were \$2,744.10 less than the budget goal for November. To date General Offerings are \$24,179.17 more than for 2015. And, to date, the church is trailing \$3,608.11 in meeting the 2016 budget. Motion to accept financial reports by Don Amundson. Brian Rosenthal 2nd. No discussion. Passed.

Treasurer – Don

Budget review & approval. Motion by Don Amundson to accept 2017 proposed EKLC budget pending vote by council as to the amount of salary increase for staff. Discussion to make decision on staff raises to determine final budget. 2nd by Vicki Schuh. No further discussion. Passed.

Old Business

Strip and polish tile floor outside sacristy and east and west entrances

Waiting for quotes from Property committee

Pastor Designated Housing – Internal Revenue Code Annual review required of Pastor's Housing Allowance. Motion to accept Pastor Brenda Lovick's Designated Housing (60% of total compensation) is designated as housing allowance for tax year 2017 per letter dated

December 20, 2016 by Don Amundson and 2nd by Brenda Schroeder. Passed.

Education committee recommending background checks for all Sunday School/Confirmation teachers Form a committee to perform checks?

Education committee thinks Julie could perform these. Ann said that the school uses "Google Docs" to keep their checks stored so all teachers have access to them and can make decisions about their parent volunteers- Will table pending receipt recommended policy from the Education Committee.

Annual meeting Q&A session - January 29, 2017 back section of Friendship Hall. Annual report handed out on January 22 and Annual Meeting on February 5 with bad weather date of February 12.

New Business

Benevolence (Missions) – finalize list for Holly – Funds will be those listed in the November, 2016 meeting minutes "#4a." Benevolences to be split equally between all organizations listed.

People/groups in need of a "thank you": One to be sent to Johnnie Jacobson, church decorating volunteers, our snow clearing volunteers.

Reports: Review of reports attached:

President

Pastor

Worship & Music

Education/Youth – Christmas program rescheduled for January 8. Committee did not meet in December. Next meeting January 11.

Property: Meeting December 27 at 6:00 p.m.

Stewardship

Personnel

Mutual Ministry

ARK – Alive and Rockin at Koshkonong!

Motion to accept reports as printed by Vicki Schuh and 2nd by Don Amundson – No discussion. Passed.

Adjourn: Motion by Brenda Schroeder and 2nd by Barb Klemp. No discussion. 8:59 p.m

Close with Lord's Prayer

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 24th

Respectfully submitted:

Barb Klemp