

January Council minutes Thursday, January 18, 2018 6:30 p.m.

President Barb Klemp called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Those present were Vicki Schuh, Pastor Brenda, Brenda Schroeder, Diane Luginbuhl, Johnnie Jacobson, Don Amundson, Brian Rosenthal, Barb Klemp.

Motion to adopt the agenda was made by Don Amundson with the number 5 item added, second by Brenda Schroeder.

Devotions from Pastor Brenda from the bulletin insert. Tonight's reading is from the eternal wedding feast from the book of Revelation. God is the bridegroom, and humanity are the unfaithful bride.

Approval of Minutes: from December 21st, 2017. The minutes omitted the fact that we also added the hole puncher to the new copy machine. Motion to approve the minutes with the adjustment made by Brenda Schroeder, second by Brian Rosenthal. No discussion, passed.

1. Elizabeth gave us the financial analysis as follows: General Offerings for December were \$5,526 more than last December. General Offerings for all of 2017 were \$16,109 more than last year. The income for December exceeded the expenses by \$14,026. Year-to-Date. we are in the black by \$12,187. Motion to accept the financials made by Johnnie Jacobson, second by Vicki Schuh. No discussion, passed.

2. Treasurer – Don – reminded us of the new policy for the Trust Fund over the next five years. He and Elizabeth will be in the basement in two weeks to answer questions about this policy as well as the proposed budget listed in the Annual Report.

3. Old Business

- a. Technology worship space/estimates will be gotten in the future.
- b. Kitchen remodeling committee – update by Johnnie. The countertops are in and much of the painting is done. There are new sinks and faucets. The electrical outlets are redone. Hardware on the cabinets is being installed. There is still a need to empty shelves and drawers and paint.
- c. Myron Fosdal memorial is just under 800 dollars. A new banner will be purchased with this gift.
- d. **Thank you's , two cards are needed this month.**
- e. Financial software will be pursued by a committee. Kristen Lien, Steve Gill, Chris Frodel, Jason Schlieckau are on this committee.
- f. Member audit – committee member possibilities are Vicki Schuh, Pastor Brenda, Diane Luginbuhl and Brenda Schroeder.

4. New Business

- a. Annual Meeting:

- i. Announce in church each week until February 4th.
- ii. Duties during meeting will be passing the microphones. Brian Rosenthal and Pastor Brenda will take care of microphones. Need someone to get people signed in. Johnnie Jacobson and Brenda Schroeder will collect names of those in attendance. Everyone will help with collecting ballots and count. A reminder needs to be made at the start of the meeting that it will be recorded. We need to have someone in charge of recording from the balcony. Brenda Schroeder will check on who is willing to do this task. We have decided to have no coffee or sweets but move right into the meeting.

iii. Vacancies

1. 3 council members will be chosen with their names on the ballot and a line for a write in candidate.
2. 1 nominating committee member
3. Borge member
4. Synod assembly (6)

a. Male/female

b. Alternates male/female

c. Two youth

5. Trust fund new board member nominated by council will be Ron Knapwurst. Brenda Schroeder made a motion to accept this nomination, second by Barb Klemp. No discussion, passed.
6. Johnnie Jacobson made a motion to elect Curt Hanson to be on the audit committee. Second by Brian Rosenthal. No discussion, passed. At the meeting, we need to vote on number 5, but not number 6.

- b. Office computers will need to be replaced in the future. They are too slow and inefficient. Brenda Schroeder made a motion to purchase a laptop for Pastor Brenda, a desktop computer for the office and another laptop not to exceed \$4,000 in cost to be taken from Undesignated Memorials. Second by Diane Luginbuhl. No discussion, passed.
- c. Benevolences will go to the same local, national and international organizations that were designated for this past year.

5. LEAD Conference is March 10th at Faith Lutheran in Janesville.
Reports:

6. President