

## ***November Council Minutes***

*Tuesday, November 22nd, 2016 7:15pm*

Call to Order: Called to order by Hilary Terland at 7:15 p.m.

Present: Brian Rosenthal, Vicki Schuh, Brenda Schroeder, Pastor Brenda, Hilary Terland, Barb Klemp, Elizabeth Kaashagen, Don Amundson. Absent Sonja Christensen. Adopt agenda: Motion by Brenda Schroeder and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barb Klemp.

Devotions: Work on sharing the story/mission of our congregation; 'Your Stewardship Minute'. Psalm 118:1. Meeting opened with prayer.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve October minutes by Vicki Schuh and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don Amundson. No discussion. Passed.

Treasurer: Financials - Elizabeth  
Income exceeded Expenses by \$3,959! Remember October had 5 Sundays. General Offerings were \$1,350 more than the budget goal for October, and \$5,001 more than October 2015. At present the church is trailing \$5,827 in meeting the budget goal for 2016. Motion to accept financial reports by Vicki Schuh and 2<sup>nd</sup> Brian Rosenthal to accept financial reports.  
Treasurer – Don

Budget reviewed – Reviewed updated copies of 2017 Budget. Discussed personnel salaries. Those council members connected to employees of the church excused themselves from the room for the employee salary discussion. Salary discussed and finalized. Members out of the room for the employee salary discussion returned to the room. Budget discussion continued and motion made for the finalization of the 2017 budget until the December meeting by Don Amundson and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vicki Schuh. Additional discussion if we need Pastor Brenda present for the finalization. Council meeting will be moved to December 20. No further discussion. Passed.

### **Old Business**

Water leaking in decoration room – waiting for quotes from Lane Taylor on tuck pointing the bell tower. Property committee says tuck pointing needs to be done. Make recommendation to add to budget. Discussed funding for the tuckpointing project.  
Cemetery kiosk – Cemetery board seeking

approval on proposed site for kiosk. The kiosk is outside of the cemetery and they are looking for approval to build on the site where a tree is located. Motion to approve the removal of the tree for building of the kiosk as requested by the Property Committee made by Brenda Schroeder and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barb Klemp.

Elm Tree to be removed from east side of Parsonage  
Will revisit in November – tabled for December meeting.

Kitchen counter committee formation – tabled for December meeting.

### **New Business**

Benevolence (Missions) suggestions – charted out possibilities for missions. The Local mission organizations: Food Pantries – Five communities, CART – Cambridge Area Resource Team, START – Stoughton Area Resource Team, Skaalen, Lutherdale, MALCA – Jail ministry. Those organizations under consideration in the National Mission category are: American Refuge Com, LSA- Lutheran Services in America, LDR – Lutheran Disaster Relief, Lutheran Indian Ministry, Seminary Synod Assistance. Organizations in the Global mission category include ELCA Hunger, Child Fund, Lindstroms, NELC India.

People/groups in need of a “thank you” – None needed.

Pastor designated housing – Tabled until December.

Membership management – Discussed constitution bylaws of membership at EKLC. Discussed how to contact members at an inactive status.

Education committee requesting \$500 for new TV and rolling cart – Youth have funds to purchase the television and there may be an available rolling cart. Motion to allow \$500 for TV and rolling cart if needed from the Youth and Family Ministry money market account by Vicki Schuh and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brenda Schroeder. No discussion. Passed.

Education committee recommending background checks for all Sunday School/Confirmation teachers \$7/check schools through the DOJ. We would have to investigate where we would be able to go to hire background checks for our teachers/youth volunteers. Start thinking if we want to have a committee for this and will contact the synod to see what entity they recommend. Confidentiality in this process will be very important. Motion by Brenda Schroeder and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brenda Schroeder to table for more information for December.

Set annual meeting date – February 5, 2017. Question and answer Sunday will be January 29, 2017.

Annual reports from committees to Julie for annual meeting by January 15.

Reports: Reviewed reports as attached.

President

Pastor

Worship & Music LENTEN ????

Education/Youth

Property

Stewardship

Personnel

Mutual Ministry

ARK – Alive and Rockin at Koshkonong!

Motion to accept reports as printed by Vicki Schuh and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don Amundson. No Discussion. Passed.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn meeting by Brenda Schroeder and Brian Rosenthal.

Close with Lord's Prayer

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 20th, 2016  
(Note the date change)

Respectfully submitted,  
Barb Klemp