

St. Luke's Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Tuesday, April 18, 2017

Present: Paul Maki, Kelly Boyer, Peggy Moser, Faith Thomas, Karen Linfor, Carl Hoppman, Holly Hoppman, Laura Tice, Carolyn Andrews
Absent: David Saxby, Carole Vance, Larry Dockter, Samantha Basquez

Carolyn Andrews read the St. Luke's Mission Statement.

"Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we accept God's call to spread the good news, serve those in need, and share the victory of Jesus Christ throughout the world".

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by President, Paul Maki at 7:10pm. Pastor Hoppman opened with prayer, remembering the various needs of the congregation.

Opening: President Maki began by expressing his thanks to Pastor Hoppman for the great soup supper plays, and to all who provided delicious soups and desserts during the Lenten season. He also thanked all who participated in making the April 8th wok day so successful, and to WELCA for the lunch that was provided for those who worked that day, the Easter breakfast was fantastic – thank you to all those who helped make sure that event went well.

Special guest, Judy Saxby was not available to discuss an Elk Grove Food Bank opportunity at St. Luke's – tabled until next month.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the March 21, 2017 Minutes by Peggy Moser, seconded by Lauren Orcutt. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Carolyn's reviewed the most recent Treasurer's Report. Offerings have been down the past 3 months compared to the Budget projection. A lot of that has to do with folks who are not coming to church. We are still in the black, but overall in the red. Carolyn will make a comparison of this time last year, to this year.

Checkbook balance: \$36,499.08

Pastor's Report: Written report on file

Pastor Hoppman reviewed the highlights of his recent activities.

He thanked Lauren for her excellent job as office secretary. She is in the process of training her replacement, Rochelle Jaeger, who started on April 17th.

Pastor also took this opportunity to all who participated in the Lenten dramas and services. The Winter Sanctuary was a blessing for so many guests and helpers, and Pastor thanked all who helped make this event a success.

Pastor also discussed his concern for the drop in Sunday worship attendance this year. He provided an outline for a "Congregational Care Proposal" and listed several steps that he feels should be implemented going forward.

1. Identify members and friends who have worshipped since 1/1/2016 (High School age and above).
2. Recruit and train 10-15 people willing to make up to 10-15 phone calls per week.
3. Each Monday, identify members and friends who have missed Sunday worship for 2 consecutive weeks. The list will start April 24, 2017, for the period of April 9-23, 2017.
4. Divide the list between callers and send them the names each Monday.
5. Callers phone those on their list and ask them if everything is OK and if there is anything they would like for us to pray about.
6. Callers report findings to Pastor by Saturday evening each week.
7. Repeat the process each week throughout the remainder of 2017.

Several individuals volunteered to help with the phone calls.

Pastor indicated that while he recognizes that health, weather, individual circumstances and other priorities are a contributing factor, the drop in attendance is quite concerning. The major concern is that they are not getting the Good News!

We are looking at different ways to attract attention to the church; Lauren is looking into getting flags to put out, looking at getting the Carillon re-done, service in the park and various outreach ministries.

Meyer Fund:

Holly Hoppman stated that pending approval by the congregation on Sunday, 4/23, we would like to establish a start date for the carpet project and she recommends that the contractors need to be locked down. As the schedule indicates, the project is expected to take about 27 working days, or about 5 weeks if everything goes as planned. There is a specific order in which things have to happen, so at this point, we need to execute the contracts with the vendors so they are locked in. Holly further stated that while the abatement project is underway, worship will have to take place in Schultz Hall. Pastor stated that the other choir who practices in Schultz Hall will need to be notified as soon as we have a start date so they can find another location for their rehearsals. Jack Fenske has a detailed schedule worked out so that things should go very smoothly. Holly's recommendation is that we ask Jack to book the vendors as soon as possible and get the job done, and deal with any ramifications as they arise.

At this time, President Maki asked Pastor Hoppman to step out of the room so Council could discuss how we can honor him as he approaches his 40th year as a pastor...Several ideas were brought forth, and we will decide on the best possible gift for him. A committee was established to finalize a plan within the next two weeks.

Finance Board/Special Funds Report: No Written Report on file
David Saxby was absent.

President Maki reiterated the downhill trend, however, we are hopeful that by the time April is over, we should have a true reflection on how we are doing.

Abbreviated Reports: (due to time)**Committee Reports:**

Community Concerns: Written Report On File

Faith Thomas, reported as follows:

Upcoming events: Sock Drive – May 7-28 to benefit homeless that we serve.

School Supply Drive – June and July.

100 backpacks will be purchased by WELCA and filled.

Evangelism Board: Written report on file

Kelly Boyer reviewed the report (due to the absence of Carole Vance) as follows:

The Board thanks all who participated in the Lenten soup services and help with the Easter breakfast.

Diner's Groups are doing great – next groups will begin in September, October, and November with sign-ups in July and August.

Working on getting website postings.

Property Board: Written Report On File

Kelly Boyer, Property Board Chairperson

Property Board asking for Council action as follows:

1. Restroom Repair: The drain system for the vanities in the original Women's restroom was leaking. An inspection (by Larry Deane of Deane's Plumbing) determined that there were two problems; (a) the main copper drain line had split apart and (b) the cast iron drain pipe was broken in two pieces at the foundation. The inspection and repair work amounted to \$3,195.00, including miscellaneous plumbing parts (purchased by the Property Board). The Property Board requested Council approval from the Reserve Funds to pay Deane's Plumbing. Motion to approve by Holly Hoppman, seconded by Kelly Boyer – Motion approved.

2. New HVAC Registers: The Property Board requested Council approval to replace the HVAC registers when the carpet work is done (including Schultz Hall) for an approximate cost of \$1,300.00. The cost does not include installation; however, Ben Ireton who is learning the sheet metal trade, has offered to install the registers at no charge. Thank you, Ben! Payment to come from Property Board funds. Motion to approve by Kelly Boyer, seconded by Holly Hoppman. Motion approved.

All Members Work Day: Very successful work day on April 8th. The next work day is October 21st.

Worship & Music: No Written Report on File

Peggy Moser reported as follows:

No meeting – the W&M Board participated in the work day, cleaning the sanctuary, polishing the brass. Peggy thanked all who participated.

Youth: Written Report Submitted

Laura Tice reported for the Youth Board.

Participated in the Winter Sanctuary, the Spring clean-up day and filling and hiding Easter eggs.

Education: No Written Report Submitted

Lauren stated that Christina Hisamoto has joined the Education Board.

WELCA: No Written Report Submitted

Holly Hoppman, WELCA President reported as follows:

No April General Meeting – the Board assisted with the work day.

Lunch was provided to those who were working around the property.

An excellent speaker (Inez) from Chicks in Crisis provided the “entertainment”, as well as great information regarding her endeavors.

Holly stated that the lamb dinner was successful. Next meeting is May 13, Mother’s Day. Tickets are \$1.00 – the luncheon will be catered by Logan’s. Bunco coming up also.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

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