

## St. Luke's Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Tuesday, June 20, 2017

Present: Paul Maki, Peggy Moser, Faith Thomas, Karen Linfor, Carl Hoppman, Holly Hoppman, Carolyn Andrews, Carole Vance, Larry Dockter, Samantha Basquez, Lauren Orcutt, Bruce Kiser attended representing the Property Board in Kelly's absence.

Absent: David Saxby, Kelly Boyer, Laura Tice

Larry Dockter 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 7:05pm. Pastor Hoppman opened with prayer, remembering the various needs of the congregation.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Motion to approve the May 16, 2017 Minutes by Holly Hoppman, seconded by Peggy Moser. Minutes were approved.as corrected:

Karen pointed out two minor corrections to the May Council meeting;

1. The checkbook balance: Should have been reported as \$36,410.45 not \$151,702.18 (although that would have been nice ☺)
2. The amount received from the San Juan Unified School District for facility use was \$3,850.00, not \$4,000.00.

### **Treasurer's Report: On File**

Carolyn's reviewed the most recent Treasurer's Report:

Currently in the black. Well ahead of budget. There is a resolution to the landscaper "situation".

Utilities (natural) gas should be dropping considerably. Gas bill will go down; electricity bill will go up.

Nothing out of the ordinary to report.

### **Pastor's Report:** Written report on file

Pastor Hoppman reviewed the highlights of his recent activities:

Baptism of Dax Moser

Received 8 new members on June 11<sup>th</sup>. Rochelle is working on a new

Directory (without pictures, just addresses, phone numbers and emails). The Two Con Contact ministry is going great, thanks to a dedicated group of folks who are committed to reaching out and focusing on people, not just numbers.

Sanctuary refurbishing is going great and it is anticipated that we will be ready to return to worship there on July 16<sup>th</sup>. A huge thanks to Jack Fenske and all who have dedicated their time and talents to this project. Working on a gift for Jack.

Summer potluck/Bible studies begin Wednesday, July 12 through August 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. The focus this year will be on a study of the 500<sup>th</sup> Reformation of the Lutheran church.

New umbrellas ordered to replace those that are beginning to fall apart.

### **Meyer Fund Update:** (Holly Hoppman)

Holly reported that the new flooring in the sanctuary is underway and will be dedicated on the 16<sup>th</sup> of July if everything continues to go smoothly. Getting firm quotes for the appliance, which is the next item on the priority list.

At this point, President Maki distributed the Meyer Memorial Committee Prioritized list that has been approved by Council and the congregation. Pastor pointed out that the “Flutter Flags” have arrived! Pastor intends to wait until Lauren returns from her vacation to begin displaying them, as this is a project that she had proposed. It is hoped that the flags( 8 of them ) can be displayed on July 16<sup>th</sup>. Other memorial money was used to purchase the flutter flags.

Other memorial funds were also used to purchase new umbrellas for the courtyard as the current ones are falling apart. The new umbrellas will be commercial grade, and will hopefully last for a long time. Flutter Flags and umbrellas will be taken down each week.

President Maki discussed the fact that at the recent Executive Committee meeting, the topic of completing the sanctuary refurbishment as a whole, not in stages, was discussed.

The item that he discussed is currently number 9 on the priority list “Install 14-foot screen and projector system in the sanctuary”. President Maki suggested that item #9, be moved to item #5, and the rest of the list will move down in place.

Holly pointed out that the flooring project is currently over budget. She indicated that when the priority list was agreed upon, there was an understanding that if we got to the bottom of the list and ran out of money, we would need to find other money to complete the rest of the projects on

the priority list.

Pastor stated that he has taken the liberty to discuss this with Jack, who has agreed that it would be a good idea. Priorities 8 and 10 can wait for a while with no problem.

Pastor also stated that the reality is, more often than not, the church is expected to have screens available for weddings and funerals and other special events. He also remarked that the eternal candle will have to be moved to accommodate the screen. Pastor has reached this, and found that as long as the candle is displayed, it doesn't matter on which side of the sanctuary it resides. He also pointed out that this is a memorial for the child of now deceased congregants, so we want to preserve it.

Holly made a motion to reprioritize the list so that project number 9 happens next. Seconded by Peggy. Motion carried.

President Maki will contact the contractor who will get the electrical installed and ready for the screen and projector.

**Finance Board/Special Funds Report:** Written Report on file

David Saxby was absent. President Maki reviewed the report.

May was a good month.

Finance plans to audit the Special Funds account; all of 2016, up to 2017. Mid-year contribution statements will be going out to congregants.

Holly posed a question about the Narthex Remodel Fund in the amount of \$2600.00 which was supposed to be redistributed back to the memorial funds that it was pulled from. It is still in the Narthex Remodel Fund.

President Maki will discuss with Ron.

**Abbreviated Reports:**

**Committee Reports:**

**Community Concerns:** No Written Report On File

Faith Thomas, reported as follows:

About 350 pairs of socks collected for the Sock Drive.

School Supply Drive is coming up in June and July.

Faith will write an article for the *News & Views* regarding these projects.

Trunk or Treat event. The committee voted to go ahead with it.

Discussed with Laura and Sam with regard to inviting SLY to participate.

There are now about 12 cases of coats to be distributed.

It has been suggested that at the Trunk or Treat event, children in need of a coat can pick one out. It will be cold in October, and who knows...they may even find their own coat in the bunch. Any coats left-over may be

donated to Mustard Seed School.

**Evangelism Board:** Written report on file

Carole Vance reported

A sign-up sheet will be available July 9<sup>th</sup> for new Diner's Groups (September, October and November)

Annual Summer root beer and orange soda floats will be provided by the Evangelism Board.

Outreach Luncheon being planned.

**Miss-You cards/congregational care:**

Invitations sent to male members and friends for the pie and ice cream social scheduled for June 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Website Update:**

Carole plans to make an appointment to meet with Rochelle to discuss website training.

**Property Board:** Written Report on File

Bruce Kiser reported in Kelly's absence

No meeting this month.

Anticipated sanctuary move in date is July 16<sup>th</sup>.

Broken sprinkler repaired.

Parking lot seal coated and restriped.

Garbage and dump area restored (due to recent fire)

There were no actions to consider.

Pastor commented about an individual who seems to be convinced he works for St. Luke's and St. Charles. He does clean-up. He brings hoses washes things down for hours. Pastor would like to put a padlock on the small gate which will hopefully keep him out. This behavior is wasteful, and it costs money. President Maki suggested to Bruce (for Property) that locks might be placed on the water spickets.

Peggy asked about painting areas in the sanctuary that need painting.

Bruce stated that this has been discussed and will be done.

**Worship & Music:** Written Report on File

Peggy Moser reported as follows:

Ben Briel resigned from the Worship & Music Board in order to concentrate on Property Board activities.

Sanctuary update: On track. Both the organ and piano will need to be checked out when moved back into the sanctuary.

New date for Luau is September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The Board has approved a thank you gift for Jack Fenske to be determined. Hopefully, it can be presented to him on the first Sunday back in the sanctuary.

The Board has also approved a thank you gift for Jacob Wilson, who plays his keyboard for the early service on a regular basis.

Large Bulletins: Adding printed hymns to all bulletins starting June 18<sup>th</sup> to discourage those who do not need the large print from taking them. This will make it easier for Rochelle to copy.

Holly and Marlene Kiser attended a choir music exchange at a local church and found 25 new pieces of music for the senior choir at a minimal cost. Current plan is to review our current music to see what can be donated next year to other churches for their enjoyment.

Reformation Celebration: October 29, 2017 – in the planning stage.

#### **Youth:** Written Report Submitted

Samantha Basquez reported for the Youth Board.

Sleep over scheduled for Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Trip planned for Golfland Sunsplash this summer. SLY members were asked to provide their availability dates.

Laura has planned a fundraiser, and part of the funds raised may be used to help get the kids to Mt. Cross.

SLY would like to be involved in the Reformation festivities in some way.

Laura and/or Sam should be contacted if anyone has suggestions as to how they might help.

Peggy indicated that she has a service project for the kids that involves making small sewing kits to put in the hygiene bags for Winter Sanctuary.

#### **Education:** Written Report Submitted

Lauren reported that the Summer Bible study selected by Pastor Carl is a video series “*This Changed Everything*”, which explores the life and work of Martin Luther.

Education Board plans to partner with Community Concerns to encourage kids to participate in the various drives.

Lauren will reach out to parents whose kids have reached Sunday School age and encourage them to attend.

Difficult behavior guidelines: Teachers should use discretion to decide when an adult should escort a disruptive child back to his/her parents, possibly removing the child from class.

Purchasing Supplies: Continue writing needed items on the whiteboard.

Laura will purchase as needed and will submit receipts for reimbursement.

Lauren will send an email updating the Sunday School teachers.  
Mom's Group: Considering a support group for moms with young kids; faith development, activities for kids. Lauren will put a note in the *News & Views* and determine next steps.

**WELCA:** No Written Report Submitted

Holly Hoppman, WELCA President reported as follows:

Bunco event raised approximately \$2,000.00 after expenses, for annual benevolence.

Successful Mother's Day luncheon.

100 backpacks, and pencil cases have been purchased by WELCA.

School collection: The women bought 120 backpacks, pencil cases for the school drive. Backpack stuffing will take place the first Sunday in August.

Pencils, pens, paper, erasers, etc., are needed to include in the backpacks.

Baby shower for Lauren on July 30<sup>th</sup>. Lauren is registered at Amazon.

Holly also reminded the group that there is a potluck on July 23rd to celebrate Pastor's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Pastor has asked that if the Lord has used him to make a difference in your life, he would like folks to share.

**Vice President:**

Larry stated that the Connell's have generously agreed to let the church use their truck and trailer to transport the fireworks back and forth this year.

New location, but still on Mack Road, between McDonalds and Starbucks.

Sign-up sheet is available for anyone who wants to help. Fireworks booth opens at noon June 28<sup>th</sup> – July 4<sup>th</sup>.

A battery-powered bill reader has been purchased in the hope that counterfeit bills can be avoided. Receipts for those who require one, can be provided in a variety of ways.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

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