

St. Luke's Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Tuesday, August 15, 2017

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

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. President Maki opened with prayer.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the July, 2017 Minutes by Laura Tice seconded by Lauren Orcutt. Minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Written Report On File

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

Currently in the black. Well ahead of budget YTD, approximately \$8100.00. Nothing out of the ordinary to report.

We received a credit in the amount of \$56.00 for sewer charges for the back 40. We won't be paying for the sewer charges until this credit runs out.

The checkbook balance as of 7-31-17 is \$42,767.28

Pastor's Report: No Written report on file

Pastor on vacation August 14 – September 2. Pastor Ron Zoesch will fill in.

Meyer Fund Update: (Holly Hoppman)

Holly reported that the next thing on the priority list would be new appliances. Jack and Jerry have agreed to install them when they arrive to keep the cost down. Holly noted that the floor prep work was \$5,972.00, however, Jack and Jerry negotiated with them and got the price down to

\$5,000.00. ☺

Holly contacted Jack and reported to Council that the balance in the Meyer Fund will be \$16,704.20 once the flooring bill has been settled.

Finance Board/Special Funds Report:

David Saxby reported for Finance.

The number of **contributors** was up in July. The July offerings were down when compared to the July, 2016 offerings and the 2017 Budget.

All budgets are to be turned in to Dave by 9-11-17.

Mid-year offering statements were mailed out.

Budget questions: Stay after the meeting to discuss.

Lauren handed out the budget from last year to aid in the process.

Budget question from Carole: She pointed out that the Evangelism board pays \$850.00/year for advertising in the Yellow Pages. Council agreed that this should be discontinued due to the information being available digitally. Carole will confirm this with Pastor when he returns.

Council Terms:

President Maki indicated that he and Larry have one more term on Council. Carolyn and Karen are the only Council members terming out at the end of the year. Those who do not wish to continue on their Council board/position, should make that known immediately.

Each board will be provided with a guide outlining what his/her board responsibilities are. Hopefully, this will be a tool to aid in finding replacements for those terming out. If this guide could be maintained by each board and kept up to date, it could be a "living" document that can be updated as needed, and handed down during each transition.

President Maki discussed Brooke's resignation. Karen will order a cake for the September 10th picnic. We will also make the money tree available. Brooke will definitely be missed. President Maki will make a copy of her very nice resignation letter available to Council members.

Committee Reports:

Community Concerns: No Written Report On File

Faith Thomas, reported as follows:

120 backpacks filled with school supplies were distributed; 60 to Charles Mack school and 60 to Parkway school. Both schools very thankful.

Share a sole program underway, size 3 to adult size 10.

Trunk or Treat: October 28th. SLY assisting Elizabeth.

Winter Sanctuary for next year is questionable. Apparently Compassion Village may be involved in some type of event. The County may be taking over this project.

Evangelism Board: Written report on file

Carole Vance reported:

A big "thank you" to Justin and Laura Tice for doing all the dishes the day of Pastor's 40th anniversary!

A sign-up sheet is available in the Narthex for new Diner's Groups (September, October and November). Deadline is Sunday, the 20th.

Outreach Luncheon on August 12 at #1 Buffet successful. Approximately 25 people attended.

Sunday greeters needed for September.

Planning for October 29th Reformation service.

Two-Con calls going very well.

September picnic scheduled for September 10th. The Evangelism Board hosts the picnic and furnishes hamburgers, hot dogs and condiments.

Congregation supplies side dishes. Ed Ireton will man the BBQ.

Help is needed on Saturday, September 9th at 9:00am to setup tables, chairs and canopies in the courtyard. Cleanup after the BBQ including taking down the canopies and putting the tables and chairs away and cleaning the kitchen.

Reformation Sunday/Heritage Potluck is October 29th.

Carole is working with Pastor about ordering some pocket-size small Catechism booklets to hand out. Carole is working with Holly regarding placemats with a picture of Martin Luther and the 500th Reformation logo. Holly will talk to W-ELCA board about the possibility of helping with the cost of the booklets.

Property Board: Written Report on File

Kelly's Boyer reported

The Property Board asked for Council approval to purchase new HVAC registers for Schultz Hall. Total estimated cost is \$600.00.

Motion: Lauren Orcutt, Second: Laura Tice. Motion carried.

Kelly indicated that in the future, the landscape and janitorial bills will go to her for review/approval before being submitted to the Treasurer for payment.

Kelly is planning to purchase a garbage disposal for the church kitchen.

Ben Briel will see if his son can assist.

Next all church work day: October 21st.

Kelly read a letter from Jack regarding hiring a property assistant.

this person would clean and maintain the property, eliminating the need for Vanguard. Property is asking for feedback. Property will work up a cost proposal for the addition of this person. A discussion ensued regarding the variety of things the property assistant would be tasked to do. Finance proposed this as a "test" for approximately 6 months to see how it works out. It was also suggested that a running list of "to do" items might be made known so the congregation is made aware of the help that is needed.

Worship & Music: Written Report on File

Karen Linfor reported:

The September adult Bible study will resume on September 10th in the Sanctuary Study room.

The service setting will change in November.

Hand Bell Festival being held in Redding October 13 & 14. Most of the bell members plan to attend. The bell choir is looking for a director and hope they can make some local contacts at the festival.

Brooke Barr has announced that she and her family are leaving the area.

The W & M Board accepted her resignation effective September 13th. Her last Sunday at St. Luke's will be September 10th.

Peggy will talk to Jane about playing every Sunday and leading the choir until the end of the year. (Need to confirm Jane's pay). Triss and Jane will choose the weekly anthems.

Note: Peggy called Jane after the meeting and she accepted the position. She understands that it is until the end of the year. Jane will be at the choir rehearsal on September 13th to go over the Luau music. This will be Brooke's last rehearsal.

Luau: Menu will remain the same, however, more food will be prepared to ensure we do not run out of food. Any leftovers will be offered for sale. Ben Briel has agreed to man the BBQ again this year. Pat Webb and Karen will take care of the dessert auction. Pastor Carl will be the auctioneer. Dave Saxby will MC again this year. Peggy is looking for entertainment. Note: Dancers have been hired. Jacob will be asked to come and play before dinner. Games are being revamped. Setup and cleanup crews are needed. Peggy will ask Holly to print the tickets. Ticket prices will remain the same as before. Ticket sales begin the middle of August.

Youth: No Written Report Submitted

Laura Tice and Samantha Basquez reported for the Youth Board. Planning for congregational sleep-out the week after the Luau, September 30th.

Education: Written Report Submitted

Lauren reported for Education
Summer potluck/Bible study program very successful. About 30 people attended each Wednesday.
Signups are open and encouraged for the fall Bible Study of Luther's treatise "On the Freedom of a Christian". 25 copies of the treatise have been purchased. The 9:15am class begins on September 10th, and a Tuesday morning group meets at 10:15am, starting September 12. Kelly will check with Pastor regarding getting the "flutter flags" put up. Sunday School continues successfully!

WELCA: No Written Report Submitted

Holly Hoppman, WELCA President reported as follows:

Lunch at Chicago Fire on Laguna Blvd. scheduled for 9-9 at 11:30.

Katie Iniguez has agreed to host the Fall Festival on October 7th – 8:00 – 2:00pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

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