

St. Luke's Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Tuesday, November 28, 2017

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

Absent: Kelly Boyer, Lauren Orcutt

Peggy Moser 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 7:00pm. Pastor Hoppman opened with prayer.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the October, 2017 Minutes by Larry Dockter, seconded by Peggy Moser. The Minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Written Report On File

Carolyn reviewed the most recent Treasurer's Report.

Property taxes have been paid.

Draft of 2018 budget presented for review and comment.

Expenses/Profits are in line.

Checkbook balance as of 11-30-17: \$38,537.77

Jack Fenske gave some specific figures: November, Total offering for the month was ~ \$14,700.00, down from last year, about 23%. YTD down 4%, \$8,000.00 under last year.

Pastor's Report: Written report on file

We welcomed two new members to the congregation: Ron and Liza Paetsch.

Pastor asked the Two Con calling participants and the Council at large to

provide some feedback about whether or not this ministry should continue. Pastor stated that worship attendance has improved this year, due in part to Two Con calling. The guidelines are “fluid”, and some folks will never respond, but the general feeling is that this is a good service, and should continue.

Took part in the Share-a-Sole and Trunk-or-Treat events.

Looking forward to Advent and Christmas activities.

Pastor stated that it is imperative for Board Chair persons to contact the individuals who signed up to volunteer for various services at the 2018 Ministry forum.

Reformation potluck and program was wonderful!

Finance Board/Special Funds Report:

David Saxby reported for Finance.

A copy of the 2018 proposed budget was presented.

Projected offering, rolled into the budget – Budget matches our projected revenue.

A discussion ensued about the choir director/organist positions.

Line item 56-50: Music Director wage

Line item 56-60: Choir Director (\$1,050 adjusted to reserve)

It was also pointed out that for Jane and the custodian (when hired), Sick days will be required; 3 days/24 hours per year and it doesn't have to be paid out or roll over.

Motion to approve the proposed 2018 budget, as adjusted, by Holly Hoppman, seconded by Peggy Moser – Motion carried.

This budget will be presented at the Congregational meeting on 12/10.

Committee Reports:

Community Concerns: No Written Report on File

Winter Sanctuary scheduled for March 11th.

116 children fitted at Share-a-Sole

110 coats given away at Truck-or-Treat

Evangelism Board: Written Report on File

Carole Vance reported for Evangelism

Evangelism expressed thanks for all who helped make the Reformation Sunday Heritage potluck a success.

Congregational meeting and potluck is Sunday, December 10th.

Worship & Music: Written Report Submitted

Peggy Moser reported for Worship & Music

She noted upcoming important dates:

Alter set-up and take down for Thanksgiving

Poinsettia orders: Pat Webb will place the order, Pastor and Jerry will pick up.

Advent preparation including decorating the sanctuary and setting Christmas card mail box up.

After W-ELCA luncheon on December 9th, Christmas tree will be decorated.

Triss Hoppman will ask Dave Saxby about getting the tree again this year.

Marlene Kiser will contact some men and the Property Board about helping set the tree up.

January 10th: Epiphany breakfast

Advent devotionals and calendars are available on the back table in the Narthex.

Reviewed Jane's performance as interim choir director; positive at this point.

W & M will discuss with Jane whether or not she wants to stay on as main Music Director. If she does, Triss will prepare an offer letter which will include 3 paid sick days. **Note: Peggy has spoken to Jane, and she wants to continue her position.**

Youth: No Written Report Submitted

Samantha Basquez reported for the Youth Board

The youth raised \$700.00 in pumpkin bread sales to support youth events.

Education: No Written Report Submitted

Great Sunday School staff – Confirmation has been great – the lunch break is working out very well.

Through the Bible class beginning in January.

Property Board: Written Report on File

Council Approval Requested: Approval to proceed with the employment of a Custodian employee, pending approval of the 2018 General Budget on December 10th. Motion to approve by David Saxby, seconded by Peggy Moser. Motion approved.

WELCA: No Written Report on File
Holly Hoppman reported:
December 9th is Christmas party
Cookie and Gift exchange

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

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