

St. Luke's Lutheran Church
Tuesday, September 20, 2016

Present: Paul Maki, David Saxby, Larry Dockter, Kelly Boyer,
Carl Hoppman, Holly Hoppman, Peggy Moser, Al Moser, Kirsten Ireton,
Carole Vance, Karen Linfor
Absent: Carolyn Andrews

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by President, Paul Maki at 7:01pm.
Pastor Carl opened with prayer, remembering the needs of several
members of the congregation.

Kelly Boyer read the newly framed and hung St. Luke's Mission Statement.

Guest: Ron Webb

Reporting on the status of options he has explored for investing the Meyer
memorial fund..

He stated that Council should decide whether or not the funds should be
placed into a fund that does not have a guaranteed return. Currently, most
interest rates are under ½% if it's put into a CD for six months minimum.
Ron said that he had not been able to reach Bart Baer, the local Thrivent
Financial representative, as he was on vacation. Ron left a message for
Bart to call him back. Ron checked the Thrivent website and stated that he
found nothing that was guaranteed through Thrivent. Ron stated that, as
the funds were given to the church as a memorial, it would be a shame to
see it lost due to market fluxuation.

Ron will continue to try to get in touch with Bart and see if there is anything
he can assist with. Ron also suggested the possibility of paying off the
church mortgage loan, as another option.

President Maki indicated that Executive Council discussed the possibility
that some of the extra funds available to us right now might be rolled into
the Meyer fund, if a suitable place that is going to give us a return on our
investment, could be found to park the funds. Discussed leaving the
Special Funds "as is" or increasing the total in that fund. President Maki
will be working with the Finance Board to discuss further and attempt to get
resolution.

Approval of the August, 2016 Council Minutes, with the following corrections:

Misspelling of WELCA

Under New Business: Holly Hoppman and Bob Behr did not agree to co-chair the management of the Meyer funds.

Motion to approve as corrected: Peggy Moser, seconded by Kirsten Ireton
Motion carried.

Pastor's Report: Written report on file

Pastor reviewed the highlights of his activities since the August Council meeting.

Confirmation class has begun.

The September 11th First Responders tribute was meaningful and many positive comments were received.

Craig Eckels joined the congregation on Sunday, 9/18/16.

Attendance is holding steady.

Psalm study resuming.

Pastor has re-joined the Elk Grove Optimist Club.

St. Luke's hosted a Synod sponsored workshop on Domestic Violence intervention on September 15th.

Participated in Luau.

Treasurer's Report: Written report on file

President Maki reviewed the report in Carolyn's absence, stating that we continue to have strong financial year.

Mortgage loan balance as of 8-7-2016: \$46,532.15

Checkbook balance as of 8-31-2016: \$36,983.47

Special Funds Report: Written report on file

Dave Saxby reported that he had not received any information from Jack Fenske regarding the Special Funds account.

President Maki asked Dave to follow up. Finance needs to have a meeting in October to discuss the budget process. Timing is crucial.

Ron Webb reported that there are a couple changes since last report regarding Special Funds: A discussion with Executive Committee

regarding Crab Feed and Fireworks funds indicates that at the end of each event, all funds are transferred out to corporate locations.

Ron further indicated that because we needed to buy tickets for the crab feed, this technically caused an overdraft of the account. Ron recommended to the Executive Committee that \$500 from each of these events remains in the account to cover out of pocket expenses.

Ron further indicated that since there is a plus balance in the Narthex account, he reduced the amount in the crab feed, \$2500.00, leaving \$500 in the account to cover the overdraft. In talking with Larry Dockter regarding the fireworks account; we needed new pop-ups, so Ron transferred \$9,000.00 to the Property Board. The other \$932.00 stayed in the account. \$432.00 has been spent for the new pop-ups that we used for the recent BBQ/picnic.

Ron stated that he transferred \$50.05 into the Reserve Account to clean it up.

Larry Dockter indicated that Jack Fenske is looking into the purchase of a bill scanner, and there is money in the Fireworks account for that purchase. Pastor Hoppman indicated that the Executive Committee previously approved the recommendation to keep the \$500.00 seed money in the two aforementioned accounts.

Committee Reports:

Community Concerns: No written report on file

Al Moser reviewed his recent activity with regards to community concerns. He stated that Faith Thomas has volunteered to chair the shoe give-away project which takes place on October 31st. New shoes only please – infant to adult size 7. Pastor Hoppman indicated that our major involvement will be to have about 15 people go to Charles Mack School on the morning of the 31st to help with the sizing of the shoes. There are 4 large charges in Elk Grove that are in charge of shoe collecting and sorting. They are hoping to collect at least 3,000 pair of shoes. There are 20 Elk Grove schools that have been identified as Title 1 schools which are in need of this service. Pastor pointed out that St. Luke's has an existing relationship with Charles Mack School, which we wish to develop, so we want to be on top of this project right away.

Clothing drive is on-going. Approximately 20 families came in response to our flyers regarding the clothing drive. As a result, the large sizes from 3T to 5T are basically gone. The need is great to replace these sizes.

Peggy described a touching story about a young woman who came by recently to attend another meeting at the church and was in apparent need of clothes for her baby – Peggy was happy that she could share some baby clothes for this newborn.

Evangelism Board: Written report on file
Outreach luncheon held on Saturday, 8-20-16.
Congregational BBQ/Picnic very successful.
Thank you to Ed and Kirsten Ireton for grilling the hamburgers and hotdogs. It was discussed that next year, this function will be held in the multipurpose room to keep the food out of the sun.
Thank you to the wonderful men who set up tables, chairs and canopies. Many thanks to all who brought salads and helped make the event successful. Also celebrated Pauline Arndt's birthday with a delicious cake. Annual Heritage Potluck scheduled/Reformation Sunday, October 30, 2016, hosted by the Evangelism Board. Congregants are encouraged to bring a dish representing their heritage or a family favorite. A sign-up sheet will be provided on October 2nd.

Property Board: Written report on file
Kelly reported on the various projects completed and on-going. There was a discussion regarding the local homeless population painting-parking lot bumpers and stripes, gutters and significant wall areas. It was also recently discovered that the chain link fence between St. Luke's and the church to the east has been cut. The Property Board believes that the proposed new fence and appropriate signage will reduce the homeless issues and other issues (such as using St. Luke's trash bin), but the fence and signs will probably not resolve all these issues unfortunately. Posting signs with the Sacramento City Code: Title 12.52.030 Unlawful Camping, Ordinance 2013-0021 Section 34, may help, but no doubt will not be a total deterrent. There is not enough police presence that we can call upon to patrol the area; they will come for a specific event, however. President Maki requested that Kelly go forward with getting the signs prepared and posted ASAP.
No complaints were apparent that Kelly needs to discuss with the janitorial service provider at this time.

Lawn service price going up \$100.00 at the beginning of next year.

Gaylen Everett approached Kelly about re-painting the parking lot stripes at

no cost – she said “sure”! Paint cost is nominal, between \$50-\$100.00. Property Board is fine with this, as we are pleased with their service.

Next all members: work day is October 22nd.

Education: No written report on file

Sunday school going great – teachers are very excited – there are a couple of new teachers who will work on a stand-by basis: Amber Mansfield and Angie Martinez, who are recent confirmands. Tried them out on Labor Day, and they did a wonderful job. They worked with Lauren Orcutt, and they will fill-in as needed. Material was great also.

Talked with Debi Lentsch regarding having a discussion with children and teachers about the \$1800 that has accumulated in the Sunday school fund and how it can best be utilized.

Worship & Music: Written report on file

Peggy reported that Triss Hoppman and others have been working on organizing the choir music in recent weeks.

Brooke noted that she has found a Christmas cantata entitled “Celebrate the Joy and Wonder of Christmas”, and she shared the book for the Board to review. She suggested that the cantata date should be December 18th, with dress rehearsal on December 17th.

The annual Luau was held on September 18th, and was very successful!

The dessert auction brought in \$460.21 and the total was \$1960.00.

It was decided to give Corey Anderson a gift card in the amount of \$100.00 for his help at the Luau – he washed all the dishes, including pots and pans, for us! He was a tremendous help! A gift card is also planned for Jacob, who plays the organ at the early service.

Youth: No written report on file

Kirsten reported for the Youth Board.

No recent meeting – no swimming party – Youth will be meeting on October 2nd to plan the last few months of Kirsten’s term.

Youth will also be selling 2017 calendars.

Making pumpkin bread again this year.

Service project around Valentine’s Day is in the planning stages. Probably a sock donation for the Shriner’s Hospital and Valentine cards for the kids.

May possibly do one more sleep-over in December.

Kirsten is being installed as President of Elk Grove Kiwanis Club this coming Sunday.

WELCA: No written report on file
Holly stated that the main focus of WELCA presently is the upcoming Fall Festival scheduled for October 1st.
General meeting was held in September.
Key Club will be on board to assist where needed.
Starting to prep for holiday collection for the kids at the schools.

Note: Peggy added that the new table cover project is on-going.
Jack Fenske made an amazing cart to store the long table covers, and he plans to make another one for the shorter table clothes and the runners. These **AMAZING** carts slide neatly into the stage storage area and we are so thrilled and happy with his help!! **THANK YOU JACK FENSKE! YOU ARE TRULY AMAZING!!**

Be sure to pay attention to his sign on the front that says “FRONT: Steer from this end” when handling the storage cart.

Resuming this project after and making the rest of the table covers and the runners after the Fall Festival. Peggy indicated that Jack is being paid for part of the materials and an extra-large bag of popcorn!

Peggy further indicated that none of the material has gone to waste – Faith Thomas has made some classy little money bags out of some of the yardage, Peggy made a set of placemats, and the group is thinking of making reusable shopping bags. Faith is also using some of the leftovers for dog bed stuffing to give to the SPCA. 😊

Pastor reported on the finances for this project, indicating that Lou Juan Hubbard left about \$3500 in a memorial and some of these funds were used for the umbrellas, placemats, rice cookers, new luncheon plates to match our existing dinner plates, etc. Everything for hospitality!

President Maki asked that each Board begin to discuss 2017 budget planning; what they want to ask for, etc. at their upcoming meetings.

Continuing Resolution: President Maki asked Peggy and Holly to stay for a few minutes to discuss further.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

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