

**St. Luke's Lutheran Church Council Meeting  
7595 Center Pkwy, Sacramento, CA 95823  
April 16, 2019**

**APPROVED 05/21/19**

*Merle Zbrog*

Secretary

**Present:** President Carolyn Andrews, Vice President Christina Hisamoto (Education), Treasurer Bob Behr, Pastor Carl Hoppman, Ron Webb (Finance), Faith Thomas (Community Concerns), Samantha Basquez (Youth Board Co-chair), Laura Tice (Youth Board Co-chair), Marlene Kiser (W-ELCA), Carole Vance (Evangelism), Clarence Korhonen (Property), Peggy Moser (Worship & Music)

**Excused Absences:** Merle Zbrog (Secretary), Lauren Orcutt (Education Co-chair)

**Guest:** Pastor Ron Zoesch

**Pastor Carl opened with prayer.**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Carolyn Andrews at 7:00 PM Pacific Standard Time.

Carole Vance read the 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.***

**Approval of Minutes:** A draft copy of the March Council meeting was e-mailed to all Council members to review prior to the meeting.

➔ MOTION made by Peggy to approve the March meeting minutes as sent; seconded by Carole Vance. *Motion carried.*

(Note: Approved minutes are posted on the website. You can download a copy under "Resources" and by clicking on "Council Meeting Minutes – 2019.")

**President's Remarks:** Carolyn Andrews thanked everyone for e-mailing Board reports prior to the meeting. Questions, Comments, and Action Items should be brought and discussed during the meeting.

**Pastoral Report:** *Written report e-mailed to Council.* Update: Lenten Soup Suppers raised \$560.00 to be donated to Paradise Lutheran Church.

**Treasurer's Report:** *Written report e-mailed to Council.* No action items this month.

### **Presentation of Reports**

The following reports were presented and received with appreciation by Council.

**Community Concerns:** *Written report to be e-mailed to Council.*

Action Item – Distribution of special funds. Worship & Music Suggested donation from Luau to the Music Program at Valley Hi Resource Center \$177.49. Community Concerns Suggested donations: Union Gospel Mission \$500, Salvation Army \$200, Chicks in Crisis \$200, Elk Grove Food Bank \$200, Sacramento Youth Band \$200, Love Inc. \$200, Courageous Connections \$200, Valley Hi Resource Center \$200.

➔ MOTION made by Peggy Moser to approve of the fund distribution, as stated above; seconded by Samantha Basquez. *Motion carried.*

**Evangelism:** *Written report e-mailed to Council.* Need more volunteers for Easter Breakfast preparation.

**W-ELCA:** *Written report e-mailed to Council.* March 24, 2020 Spring Ring Bell Choir Concert.

**Property:** *Written report e-mailed to Council.* Action Item – Refurbishing of Men’s Restroom for \$3,000.

→ MOTION made by Pastor Carl to approve of the refurbishing of the Men’s restroom; seconded by Bob Behr. Motion carried.

**Old Business**

**CR-2005-4 Policies & Procedures for the prevention of Child Abuse:** Wonderfully worked over, thanks to Bob and Merle. No comments/suggestions

**New Business**

Pastor Ron explained the **Strategic Planning** Process that has been successful. Council broke into 3 groups and began with the Asset Mapping Exercise.

1. Individually write down (on Post-it notes) 3 or more physical assets of your church. It could be equipment, objects, buildings.. use your imagination. Think outside the box.
2. Identify individual assets or gifts that you personally can use through your church to provide new ministry or in some way reach others in the community around the church. Interests, skills, thing you know, etc.
3. Write down things you care deeply about (such as environment, social concerns, children, education, etc.)
4. Who do you know with skills or backgrounds in concerns that could develop into a ministry for the church in our community? Think also about your family, friends, etc.
5. Identify at least 3 institutions e.g. libraries, parks, non-profit agencies, neighboring churches, schools, organizations in your community that could be used to partner with to develop a new ministry.

Once you finish writing all of these on the Post-It® notes, place them on the sheet of paper with your group. Together look through these to see some commonalities that could form a new ministry, way to reach your community, or partner with others. Bring your common work back to the group and briefly share what you learned. Please write on the sheet who was part of your group. Next month you will develop several new possible ministries, based on the assets you have identified.

**Homework:** Research demographic materials in neighboring zip codes 95823, 95624, 95757, and 95758 (such as age, trends, race, income, language, etc.) and/or talk to a member of the community (teacher, public official, police officer, etc.) about the needs of the community.

**Next steps:** Involve the congregation

**Adjournment:** There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM Pacific Standard Time with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Hisamoto (acting secretary)

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