

St. Luke's Lutheran Church Council Meeting
7595 Center Pkwy, Sacramento, CA 95823
October 15, 2019

APPROVED
11/19/19
Merle Zbrog
Secretary

Present: President Carolyn Andrews, Treasurer Bob Behr, Pastor Carl Hoppman, Secretary Merle Zbrog, Clarence Korhonen (Property representative), Faith Thomas (Community Concerns), Peggy Moser (Worship & Music), Laura Tice (Youth Board Co-chair).

Guest: Pastor Ron Zoesch

Excused Absences: Ron Webb (Finance), Vice President Christina Hisamoto (Education Co-chair), Carole Vance (Evangelism), Marlene Kiser (W-ELCA)

Absent: Lauren Orcutt (Education Co-chair), Samantha Basquez (Youth Board Co-chair)

Pastor Carl opened with prayer.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Carolyn Andrews at 7:04 PM Pacific Time.

Peggy Moser 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 September Council meeting was e-mailed to all council members to review prior to the meeting.

- MOTION made by Peggy Moser to approve the September meeting minutes as distributed; seconded by Laura Tice. *Motion carried.*

Approved minutes are posted on the website. A copy can be downloaded from "Resources" by clicking on "Council Meeting Minutes – 2019."




Questions/Comments and/or Corrections re: Board Reports

Education – No meeting; therefore, no report.

Presentation of Reports

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

Pastor's Report – Report emailed. Pastor Hoppman drew the council's attention to several items:

-  **Ministry Fair November 10.** Prepare your material for display.
-  **Ministry Fair Set up November 9** after W-ELCA and the Congregational Work Day.
-  **Conference Gathering November 17.** Evangelism will prepare refreshments. All board members are encouraged to attend.

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Treasurer's Report: *Report e-mailed to Council.* Bob Behr highlighted the following:

September was a good month for income. We are ahead of budget for envelope and loose cash offerings. No expenses out of the ordinary. Income less expenses is \$9,500.00 to the good.

Financial Secretary Report: *Report e-mailed to Council.* Number of contributors is up.

Worship and Music Board Report: *Report e-mailed to Council.* Peggy Moser asked the council to note the important dates to add to your calendar. Help is needed to set up the sanctuary for Thanksgiving and Advent.

- Pastor Hoppman reported that the organ repairman is now in Carmichael instead of Oakland. He is scheduled to arrive Thursday, October 17 to inspect the organ.

Community Concerns: *Report e-mailed to Council.*


Faith Thomas reported the committee met to discuss the 2019 tithing donations totaling \$1,768.27. Bob Behr commented his numbers did not agree. The number was corrected to **\$1,259.05** which includes the residual from the 2018 donations (\$44.87), 10% of the Crab Feed net profits (\$761.66), 10% of the Fireworks net profits (\$806.61), and a debit from Winter Sanctuary (\$354.09).

MOTION made by Faith Thomas to distribute the tithes evenly among the following charities:

Relay for Life, Sacramento Children's Home, WIND, Wellness & Recovery, Stanford Youth Solutions, Alternative Pregnancy Center, and Warm Line Family Resources; seconded by Pastor Hoppman. *Motion carried.*

Winter Sanctuary – Sacramento Steps Forward. Faith Thomas reported that the Winter Shelter is moving to a permanent facility on North A Street. Sacramento Steps Forward are asking for our volunteers to go to their site to cook, serve the meal, and staff the shelter in the evening. After some discussion it was agreed that the council cannot support a single site shelter on North A Street.

Peggy Moser mentioned the Community Concerns board might look into the possibility of a similar mission in Elk Grove.

-  Faith Thomas asked Clarence Korhonen, as the Property representative, to have the Trunk or Treat sign put up where the Fall Festival sign was.

Evangelism Board Report: *Report e-mailed to Council.* No representative.

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SLY Board Report: *Report e-mailed to Council.* Laura Tice highlighted the following:

- There will be five girls going to Mount Cross.
- Several have signed up to help for Trunk or Treat and Laura Tice will contact them to let them know help is needed for set up and take down (1:00 – 6:00 pm)
- The pumpkin bread fundraiser is going forward as planned.

W-ELCA: *No report e-mailed to Council.* No representative. Pastor Hoppman reported they had a wonderful Fall Festival.

Property Board Report: *Report e-mailed to Council.* Clarence Korhonen highlighted the following:

5. **Minor Tasks Completed** (b) Fire Extinguishers Recharged – The Sacramento Fire Extinguisher Co. recharged St. Luke's ten fire extinguishers. The estimated cost was \$150.00; however the actual cost was \$249.88.

6. **On-Going Projects** (a) Fascia Boards – E & J Painting Professionals began October 15 as scheduled.

New item brought to the council's attention: the walkway between Center Parkway and the church entrance where two people fell. The Property Board chose the following option:

- Remove the 714 square foot existing walkway.
- Form and pour 714 square feet concrete walkway (front of church).
- Broom finish all concrete.
- 1 foot band at edge of walkway on both sides.
- Evenly-spaced joists no bigger than 6' x 6.5'.
- Install 3/8 rebar in all new concrete 2' on center.
- Concrete pump for concrete placement.

➤ **MOTION** made by Clarence Korhonen to approve the contract with Kevin Young Concrete Company, Inc. to remove and replace the Center Parkway walkway, which is 14' x 51' at a cost of \$5,750.00, and the expenditure of such funds to be from the Property Board Special Funds expense. In addition, approve an internal loan of \$1,000.00 from the Property Board Parking Lot Fund, Special Fund, to the Property Board Special Fund; seconded by Peggy Moser. *Motion carried.*

✚ Faith Thomas requested that the Property Board take Trunk or Treat into consideration when planning this work.

✚ Pastor Hoppman asked Clarence Korhonen to take this question back to the Property Board: ***How can the Mount Cross trip this summer be funded?*** There is some money available, but what does the Property Board think is a reasonable amount for the Youth to ask for from the Crab Feed proceeds?

- Peggy Moser asked if other boards could give some of their Special Funds monies. Pastor Hoppman affirmed that they can, if it is Special Funds monies.

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New Business:

Finance Board Report: *Report e-mailed to Council.*

2020 Budget

SLY requested \$8,000.00 to take the youth to Mount Cross. The Finance Board would like to support the youth; however, there are some budget restrictions they would like set in place. Initially the Finance Board is willing to offer \$250.00 for general program expenses, \$1,200.00 for two camp supervisors (includes mileage), and subsidize 50% of the cost of eight youths to attend. This comes to a total of \$3,250.00. This requires the youth to make some financial commitment.

Laura Tice commented that she felt some financial commitment on the part of the youth was fair.

Pastor Hoppman explained the cost is approximately \$450.00 per youth for one week during the summer of 2020.

Old Business:

2020 Budget Report e-mailed to Council. Worship and Music Board and Community Concerns Board submitted budget requests late, so Bob Behr distributed a new budget projection at the meeting.

Bob Behr highlighted the following:

40-20-04 Facility Usage has been increased. Pastor Hoppman confirmed that we will be a voting center in 2020.

51-10-01 current estimate of 10% of offerings

51-10-01 through 51-10-04; 51-10-06; 56-10-01 indicate the 3% increase in pay for staff

53-10-01 still awaiting specific details how this will be used

The projected budget is a 3.13% increase overall.

Bottom line shows expenses are \$5, 226.00 over the projected income.

Thanks were offered to Bob Behr and the Finance Board for their hard work.

Constitution and Bylaws Update:

Jack Fenske, Bob Behr, Betty Englund, and Christina Hisamoto are part of this committee. They have met twice and are close to presenting something with respect to Constitutional updates. They are now working on the Bylaw updates.

Synod is requesting all Continuing Resolutions be sent to them. A query has been submitted for a definition of "continuing resolutions." Perhaps what we define as a "continuing resolution" should be labeled as something else.

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Other Questions:

Peggy Moser asked what umbrella covered Soul Stitchers. Carolyn Andrews suggested it was W-ELCA.

Strategic Planning – Pastor Ron Zoesch

Community Garden (continuing discussion): Laura Tice and Pastor Zoesch met at Lutheran Church of our Redeemer to see Ann Carlson about their community garden. The biggest expense is plumbing/irrigation. They have 40 planter boxes which they sell for \$40.00 per year, which does not even cover the cost of water. Contracts do have restrictions on what can and cannot be grown.

A community garden will need an overseer.

It is a great opportunity to meet neighbors.

We have land. How do we want to use it? This is a long-term project. The two acres of land at St. Luke's has been fallow since the 70s.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM Pacific Time with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

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