

St. Luke's Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Tuesday, May 16, 2017

Present: Paul Maki, Peggy Moser, Faith Thomas, Karen Linfor, Carl Hoppman, Holly Hoppman, Laura Tice, Carolyn Andrews, Carole Vance, Larry Dockter, Samantha Basquez, Lauren Orcutt, Jerry Carney attended representing the Property Board in Kelly's absence.

Absent: David Saxby, Kelly Boyer

Lauren Orcutt 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 7:05pm. Pastor Hoppman opened with prayer, remembering the various needs of the congregation.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion to approve the April 18, 2017 Minutes by Peggy Moser, seconded by Faith Thomas. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report:

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

Currently, we are in the black.

Check received from San Juan Unified School District in the amount of **\$3,850.00** for use of the facility.

Checkbook balance: **\$36,410.45**

Pastor's Report: Written report on file

Snyod Assembly Report:

Pastor Hoppman reviewed the highlights of his recent activities:

Pastor and Holly attended Synod Assembly in Fresno.

Pastor especially enjoyed the keynote speaker, who has been quite involved in immigration concerns. He stated that "Moses was the first wetback", as he crossed the Nile river and he wasn't supposed to, and went from a very impoverished situation, into a situation of privilege.

Pastor also indicated that the Synod passed a resolution that indicates it

will be sensitive and helpful to congregations as we deal with sanctuary movements and situations.

Holly reported on two resolutions that were passed at the Synod Assembly meeting: 1. Guidelines on payment to visiting pastors; 2. Making a new division task force for Peacebuilding in the United States.

Holly has written a report in the June News & views further explaining these resolutions. This information is also on the Synod website.

More from Pastor:

Pastor stated when he first started in the ministry, a friend told him that the most important thing that a pastor can do, is have significant interaction with people; it is what really matters, keeping strong connection, showing concern”.

Two Con Calling underway – there is an incredible group of callers helping out with this project. Callers are focusing on folks who have missed two Sundays in a row. He expounded further on this thought and attached a sheet explaining in detail how the program works.

Confirmation and Adult Bible studies finished for the Spring. In the Fall, the Adult Bible study will study “*On The Freedom of a Christian*”, a seminal treatise of Martin Luther written in 1520.

Six people ready to be received as members on June 11th.

Meyer Fund:

Flooring project is underway, pews were moved, passed the asbestos test, tile went in. Jack has filled out Form 1000's for payment to the contractors. Holly Hoppman stated that the benevolence checks have been prepared to send out to those agreed upon by the Council and the congregation.

Pastor stated that in the letter accompanying the check, a note should be included stating that this is part of our tithe from the memorial gift, and we are thankful to share. Pastor and Holly will draft the letter.

Pastor mentioned that it has been suggested by a member of the congregation that the communion rail be “strengthened” in a certain way that he described to members of the Board of Worship and Music. Discussed at Council meeting, and the Council voted against his proposal unanimously. Pastor stated that while we appreciate his concern and time,

It is not the direction we feel it should go. President Maki will discuss with the individual and let him know of the Council's decision.

Finance Board/Special Funds Report: No Written Report on file
David Saxby was absent. President Maki reviewed the report.
Attendance was up for the month of April.

Pastor stated that Lauren has been busy looking for “flutter flags” and perfecting the message to go on them, and he would like to purchase 8 “flutter flags” to display around the church; 5 flutter flags on Center Parkway, and 3 flutter flags on Tangerine every Sunday morning and then taken in – to make sure they last for a while. He proposes to use the Lay memorial which is \$1425.00, and the Landaker memorial which is \$405.00, and add some of the \$25.00 memorials, for approximately \$2,000.00.

Motion to approve: Peggy Moser

Second: Laura Tice (and others)

Motion approved.

It would be great if these are ready to display on the Sunday we are back in the Sanctuary! 😊

Thank you Lauren, for your time and effort in getting this project going!

Abbreviated Reports: (Keeping the meeting to an hour)

Committee Reports:

Community Concerns: Written Report On File

Faith Thomas, reported as follows:

Sock Drive going great – May 7-28 to benefit homeless that we serve.

School Supply Drive – June and July.

Faith will write an article for the *News & Views* regarding these projects.

100 backpacks, and pencil cases have been purchased by WELCA.

A discussion ensued regarding a letter Faith read that was addressed to Judy Saxby regarding the Elk Grove Food Bank – tabled.

Evangelism Board: Written report on file

Carole Vance reported

Father's Day Pie and Ice Cream social on June 18th.

Property Board: Written Report On File

Jerry Carney for Property Board Chairperson

Jerry stated that the movers can't get here until Monday to move the pews back, so everything is on hold until then.

Broken overflow pipe in the sprinkler system that has to be fixed.
Called contractor to make repair.
Parking lot is going to be seal coated and restriped in mid-June.
There were no actions to consider.

Worship & Music: Written Report on File

Peggy Moser reported as follows:

Special dates upcoming:

May 21: Baptism of Dax Moser (Peggy and Al Moser's grandson)

May 28: Graduation Day

June 4: Pentecost Sunday

Luau is September 16th. Anyone who wants to help is welcome.

Youth: Written Report Submitted

Laura Tice and Samantha Basquez reported for the Youth Board.

Planning mentoring/buddy system activities; camping or a day trip.

Youth is asking for donation of plastic water bottles.

President Maki suggested getting date on the church calendar ASAP.

Education: Written Report Submitted

Lauren reported that the Summer Bible study selected by Pastor Carl is a video series "*This Changed Everything*", which explores the life and work of Martin Luther and the early reformation movement inside and outside of the Roman Catholic Church. Looking forward to begin focusing on the 500th anniversary of the Reformation this year.

Summer Bible study is July 12 – August 9th with potlucks.

WELCA: No Written Report Submitted

Holly Hoppman, WELCA President reported as follows:

About 80 attendees at the Mother's Day luncheon; great food from Logan's. Bunco date is June 3rd. Tickets are \$15.00.

Pastor left the room and a discussion ensued regarding his 40th anniversary gift.

Meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

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