

St. Luke's Lutheran Church Council Meeting
7595 Center Pkwy, Sacramento, CA 95823
January 16, 2018

Present:

President Paul Maki, Treasurer Bob Behr, Pastor Carl Hoppman, Secretary Merle Zbrog, Faith Thomas, Peggy Moser, Lauren Orcutt, Carole Vance, Jack Fenske (for Kelly Boyer), Ron Webb, Marlene Kiser.

Absent: Vice President Larry Dockter, Samantha Basquez, Laura Tice, Kelly Boyer, David Saxby.

President Paul Maki's Welcome

WELCA president Marlene Kiser, Treasurer Bob Behr, and Secretary Merle Zbrog were welcomed to the 2018 church council. We're looking forward to 2018 and living our mission statement.

Pastor Hoppman opened with prayer.

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.

President Paul Maki's Reminders: Let us stay focused on this tonight and every day as we work with the church and make decisions.

Feb. 14 – Ash Wednesday
March 3 – 17th Annual Crab Feed 6:00 pm
April 1 - Easter
The first quarter of the year will go by quickly.

Approval of Minutes: NOTE: A draft copy of the minutes will be emailed to all council members to review before the next meeting. Please review the minutes.

A motion to approve the November 2017 minutes as prepared was made by Peggy Moser; seconded by Lauren Orcutt. Motion carried. There was no meeting in December.

Minutes approved as written.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Paul Maki at 7:07 pm. Pacific Time.

Presentation of Reports

The following reports were presented and received with appreciation by the board as information:

Pastor's Report: on file

- I. October, November, and December worship attendance is trending up. January 2018 looks better than January 2017.
- II. Advent and Christmas went well. Jane did a great job leading the cantata.
- III. Bible classes underway.
- IV. Lenten devotionals have been ordered.

Treasurer's Report: *Written report on file.*

Bob Behr offered a few Year-to-Date highlights:

- I. Offering (“Designated Giving”) down
- II. Facility usage up, which helped; but this is not something upon which we should rely.
- III. Programs for various groups are on track.
- IV. Flowers: The actual shows we are under budget, but the flowers for November were not billed until the end of December. They will be paid in January.
- V. Refuse contract over budget.
- VI. Janitorial Supplies over budget.

Question posed by Jack Fenske as to whether we are over or under budget for 2017. Bob Behr has designed a new way of reporting that is more transparent and much easier to read.

2018 Budget as Charter of Accounts* reduces a five page report to two pages. New numbers have been assigned for Committee Chairs to use. *Refer to November 2017 minutes

Myer Memorial – Larry Dockter will have this wrapped up in the next two months. Anyone with questions should talk to Paul Maki as this spending was voted on and approved by the congregation. The dishwasher and refrigerator can be ordered immediately. The next expense will be replacing the carillon which is over 30 years old. Speakers are fine.

Church Website – Paul Maki asked that 2018 be the year we use our church website to communicate and share what’s going on at St. Luke’s. Larry Dockter is updating the calendar and uploading minutes. Larry, and Rochelle will be able to train committee members. Paul will contact Rochelle to determine a suitable morning training event (or two.)

Financial Secretary’s Report – A combination written report on file for December's contributions and the year-end totals. Excellent offerings in December.

Written report on file. Sent out 143 statements.

Special Funds Report - *Written report on file.* We are looking at the church purchasing a VISA machine for Crab Feed and Fireworks.

Community Concerns: *Year-End written report on file. No written report for January submitted.* Souper Bowl Sunday February 4. Faith will ask Rochelle to create a flyer for the Narthex. Winter Sanctuary March 11.

Education Committee: *Year-End written report on file. No written report for January submitted.* Lauren was reminded that there is \$2637.35 in Sunday School offerings to be disbursed. ELCA Good Gifts is a mission activity suggested for the children to consider. <https://community.elca.org/elcagoodgifts>

Evangelism Board: *Year-End Written report on file. Written report for January on file.*

- I. Greeters are needed for February. Joyce Jensen will oversee this task.
- II. Lenten Soup Suppers – Changes were made to the report distributed as follows:
 - Feb. 14 – WELCA
 - Feb. 21 – Council
 - Feb. 28 – Evangelism & Community Concerns
 - March 7 – Worship and Music & Choir
 - March 14 – Property & Education and Youth
 - March 21 – Congregation
- III. Tables can be stay set up in Schultz Hall for Lent. Extra cleanup people will be needed March 7.
- IV. Easter Breakfast – Kelly Boyer, Lydia Toloy, Eric Linblade will co-chair.

Property Board: *Year-End Written report on file. Written report for January on file.*

- I. Vanguard Cleaners has made a welcome change in staff and we have someone new to do our cleaning.
- II. Larry Johnson is a new member to the Property Board. Peggy and Al Moser are new helpers.
- III. Thanks to the Property Board: When we had 3 inches of rain, we had no standing water.

Worship and Music: *Year-End Written report on file. December and January reports on file.*

- I. Thanks to all who helped to put up and take down decorations and flowers.
- II. Christmas Cards: There are many cards that have not been picked up. Cards are taken to those Pastor visits and emails have been sent to notify members that cards are waiting.

A motion to destroy Christmas Cards not picked up by Epiphany was made by Faith Thomas; seconded by Peggy Moser. Motion carried.

- III. A question was raised about acolytes. It is obvious we have had no acolytes lately. Illness, training, and lack of family support seem to be the issue. It was suggested that the Youth Board needs to take more initiative.
- IV. A question was raised about the flower chart. The member formerly in charge has moved. Jack Fenske has offered to print chart on card stock on behalf of Worship and Music.

Youth: *No written report submitted.* Pastor announced they are now planning to meet on the 2nd Sunday of each month.

WELCA: *Year-End Written report on file. No written report submitted.* At the January meeting the Board recommended a disbursement of \$4300.00. This will be in the *February News and Views*.

Other Business: Sign-up sheet for Soup Supper distributed to committee chairs.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm. Pacific Time with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

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