

St. Luke's Lutheran Church Council Meeting
7595 Center Pkwy, Sacramento, CA 95823
June 19, 2018

Present: Vice President Larry Dockter, Treasurer Bob Behr, Secretary Merle Zbrog, Lauren Orcutt (Education), Carole Vance (Evangelism), Clarence Korhonen (for Kelly Boyer: Property Board) David Saxby (Finance Board), and Marlene Kiser (W-ELCA and representing Worship and Music).

Absent: President Paul Maki, Pastor Carl Hoppman, Faith Thomas (Community Concerns), Peggy Moser (Worship and Music), Samantha Basquez and Laura Tice (Youth Board Co-chairs).

Call to Order: Having reached a quorum, the meeting was called to order by Vice President Larry Dockter at 7:02 pm Pacific Time.

David Saxby opened with prayer.

Larry Dockter 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 minutes was e-mailed to all council members to review before the meeting. Changes were made as suggested by council via e-mail.

- MOTION made by David Saxby to approve the May 2018 minutes as written; seconded by Lauren Orcutt.
Motion carried.

Presentation of Reports

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

Pastor Hoppman is on vacation.

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

- I. May was not a good month for offerings and income received was less than budgeted. We are down \$3200 for the year.
- II. Evangelism is \$73.50 over budget.
- III. The committee may revisit the budget over the summer months to see where the budget may need to be tweaked.

Fireworks Update – Larry Dockter reminded us that fireworks will go on sale beginning at noon on June 28 and continue through July 4. All plans are on track. July 5 is dedicated to inventory and returns. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex for anyone willing to volunteer to help at the fireworks booth. David Saxby volunteered to make an announcement to the congregation on Sunday in Pastor Hoppman's and Larry Dockter's absences.

Synod Report – Merle Zbrog gave highlights of the 31st annual Synod Assembly held at the Hyatt Hotel in downtown Sacramento earlier this month. The title of the event was “We are Church Together: This is Our Neighborhood” which had the assembly consider “who really is our neighbor?” There were numerous elections; we passed the budget, some resolutions, and a by-law amendment. A short synopsis will be in the upcoming *News and Views* and a copy of the budget and the resolutions passed have been posted on the bulletin board in the church office.

- Next Synod Assembly will be a one-day event in Lodi: May 11, 2019.
- Synod Assembly meeting 2020 will include electing a new bishop and over 2/3 of the assembly members.

Recognition Program – A suggestion was made by a congregational member to consider recognizing members who go above and beyond in service for the glory of God. The council suggested the Board Chairs be more aware of members who go above and beyond in service and post some thanks in the *News and Views*, especially in the final report. It was also suggested board chairs and members consider sending cards to recognize those who serve tirelessly for the glory of God.

Meyer Memorial – Larry Dockter mentioned the carillon bells are set to play at noon and 6:00 pm. Bob Behr mentioned there may be a problem with the carillon bells.

- ❖ There was a question as to whether it would be possible to hear the bells at 10:15 am each Sunday.

The balance in the Meyer Memorial is \$8,714.03.

Committee and Board Reports:

Finance Board – David Saxby mentioned the following:

- We are down 14% this month with respect to our budget and down 6% this year to date.
- May was not a good month for offering and the budget will be reviewed after June to see where changes might be made so that we can meet our expenses.

Special Funds – Bob Behr mentioned that the check for \$1,000.00 sent to St. John’s Shelter for Real Change has not cleared our bank.

- Lauren Orcutt will follow up on this.
- Bob Behr determined later in the month that the checks have been cashed; however, no recognition has been received from St. John’s Shelter for Real Change.

Community Concerns Board: *No representative. No written report on file.*

Education Board: *Written report on file.* Lauren Orcutt mentioned the following:

- Confirmation was held in May.
- Summer Bible study and potluck will be Wednesdays, July 11 – August 1. Pastor Hoppman will lead the study focusing on spirit-empowered witnessing.
- Sunday School continues with no special projects planned.

Evangelism Board: *Written report on file.* Carole Vance highlighted the following points:

- Diner’s Groups signups will be held during July and August.

- Root beer and orange soda floats will be served July 15 after worship.
- Luncheon is planned for August 4 at Yum Buffet. A sign-up sheet will be in the narthex July 8.

Evangelism Board (continued):

- Suggestions being considered for outreach to the community included a summer service in the park, vacation Bible School (It's too late for 2018, but time to start planning for 2019.), holding meetings in members' homes.

Property Board: *Written report on file.* Clarence Korhonen highlighted the following points:

#4 (c) Park trees and stumps project completed.

#4 (d) Refuse service issues have been resolved.

#6 (a) Council concurred that access to the back choir pew should be considered as a project.

#6 (c) Council concurred that it is important to locate the sewer cleanout.

#7 (b) MOTION made by Clarence Korhonen to proceed with construction of a wrought iron fence including a gate meeting code for a fire exit (estimating an expenditure of \$3,000.00) as an attempt to resolve the issue of homeless persons taking up residency in the alcove area next to the choir loft exit door; seconded by David Saxby.

Motion carried.

Worship and Music Board: *No written report on file.* Marlene Kaiser reported for Peggy Moser:

- **Luau** – Scheduled for September 22, with Karen Linfor and Shirley Prouty as co-chairs. A meeting for volunteers is scheduled for June 24 after the second worship service.

Youth Board: *No representative. No written report submitted.*

W-ELCA: *No written report submitted.* Marlene Kaiser mentioned the following:

- Bunco generated about \$2,000.00
- W-ELCA will ensure tables are set up for the summer Bible Study and Potluck.

New Business:

✚ St. Luke's Lutheran Church received a certificate of thanks from the ELCA Synod for our benevolence donation of \$21,471.00.

✚ **Mark Your Calendar:** The next meeting will be **July 17, 2018 at 7:00 pm.**

- Merle Zbrog will be absent. Karen Linfor will take minutes.

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,

Merle Zbrog

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