

**St. Luke's Lutheran Church Council Meeting**  
**7595 Center Pkwy, Sacramento, CA 95823**  
**September 18, 2018**

**Present:** President Paul Maki, Vice President Larry Dockter, Treasurer Bob Behr, Pastor Carl Hoppman, Secretary Merle Zbrog, Faith Thomas (Community Concerns), Peggy Moser (Worship and Music), Carole Vance (Evangelism), Jack Fenske (for Kelly Boyer: Property Board) David Saxby (Finance Board), Marlene Kiser (W-ELCA).

**Absent:** Lauren Orcutt (Education), Laura Tice (Youth Board Co-chair), Samantha Basquez (Youth Board Co-chair).

**Call to Order:** Having reached a quorum, the meeting was called to order by President Paul Maki at 7:00 pm Pacific Time.

**Pastor Hoppman opened with prayer.**

Merle Zbrog 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.

- MOTION made by Peggy Moser to approve the August 2018 minutes as written; seconded by Faith Thomas.

*Motion carried.*

(NOTE: Approved minutes are posted on the website. You can download your own copy by going to "Resources" and then clicking on "Council Meeting Minutes – 2018.")

President Paul Maki's Opening Remarks: We have a lot to be thankful for, especially Pastor Hoppman's 25 years at St. Luke's. The October council meeting will be a potluck dinner beginning at 6:30 pm with the meeting to follow.

### **Presentation of Reports**

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

**Pastoral Report:** *Written report on file.*

- J. D. Cox was baptized
- Pastor Hoppman thanked everyone for the celebration of his 25th anniversary with our parish.

### **Pastoral Report: (Continued)**

- A request from Diane Lestrack to use the multipurpose room on Saturdays from 2:00 – 4:00 pm October 13 –December 1, 2018 to provide classes for those who want to provide witness for the Lord here and abroad was approved.
- Reminder that Rochelle is part-time. Board members should look within their board for someone to do the work. If it is essential for Rochelle to assist with your mission work, please give her at least two weeks to do the work.
- Website has been updated and will continue to be updated. A request was made to provide Rochelle with \$750 from the proceeds of the 2019 Crab Feed to continue with revisions and updates to the church web site. The request was unanimously approved. Further discussion will determine the best way to do this.

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

- i. Envelope offerings for the month of August were significantly less than budgeted. Overall we are down \$4,622.08 for the month and \$2,849.78 for the year. The first Sunday in September was good with respect to offerings.
- ii. Some bogus checks were written on the church's account. As a result it was necessary to close the account and use the Special Funds account temporarily. The account will be reimbursed. New checks were ordered and received. Although the church will not be responsible for the fraudulent checks, purchasing new checks cost the church \$448.00.

### **Website Update:**

Merle Zbrog looked at the website and emailed each committee chair. The results are below:

- i. The main page Google map link was broken, but has been repaired.
- ii. The main calendar was updated to show Bible study.
- iii. Community Concerns page was updated and includes graphics.
- iv. Evangelism is updated monthly after their meetings.
- v. Worship and Music has been updated.
- vi. Youth has been updated.
- vii. Christian Education has been updated.
- viii. Under "Resources" we have information on the 2017 Floor Covering Project which will remain at least one more year. The Property Board spent a lot of time attempting to learn what was done the last time the floor covering was replaced and the conditions of the underlying sub-floor. The purpose of the article was to detail the procedures, facts, and information regarding the 2017 floor covering project. It provides details that will be useful to the group that repairs or replaces the floor covering in the future -- or to other organizations that might have a similar project.
  - ✚ W-ELCA still needs updating. Marlene will contact Merle to arrange a time.
  - ✚ Executive Board will discuss updating the page.

Committee and Board Reports:

**Finance Board:** *Written report on file.*

David Saxby mentioned that budgets were due at the September council meeting.

- Evangelism submitted a request.
- Property Board submitted a request.
- Community Concerns submitted a request.
- Pastor Hoppman made a request (see Pastor's Report above)
  - ✚ Merle Zbrog will contact all absent members to remind them requests must be submitted by the end of the week.
- Pastor Hoppman reminded council that the Website domain name needs to be renewed.
  - ✚ Larry Dockter will report on this at the next meeting.

**Community Concerns Board:** *Written report on file.* Faith Thomas highlighted the following points:

- Signup sheets for Trunk or Treat and Share-a-Sole are in the Narthex.

**Education Board:** *Written report on file. No representative*

- Faith pointed out the bulletin oversight. Peggy Moser is not listed as a teacher.

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

- Reformation Heritage Potluck will be October 28. We are invited to bring a dish representing our heritage. More information regarding the activity will be forthcoming.

**Property Board:** *Written report on file.* Jack Fenske highlighted the following points:

#5(b) Sewer Cleanout. Project completed.

#5(a) Alcove fence and gate is being installed.

A discussion was held regarding the homeless issue (refer to #3) which led to the discussion of the homeless person who has moved back onto the stoop.

- ✚ Paul Maki will attend the next Property Board meeting as this issue hurts our ministry. More discussion is needed.

- **Congregational Work Day** will be October 13.

**Worship and Music Board:** *Written report on file.* Peggy Moser highlighted the following points:

- Mark your calendars for important dates. Many hands make light work.
- See you at the luau!

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

**W-ELCA:** *No written report submitted.*

- Fall Festival will be October 6
- Thank Offering Sunday will be November 18
- Christmas Party and Tree Decoration will be December 8

**Adjournment:** There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 pm Pacific Time with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

*Merle Zbrog*

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