

## **Minutes of the January 10, 2017 Church Council Meeting**

Present: Kathy Bero, Randy Demeuse, Darrell Eland, Gary Gustafson, Jackie Kolaszewski, Pastor Mark Laatsch, Debbie Lemery, Ronda Pedersen, Debbie Villas, Jim Zobel

Excused: Mike Belisle, Cathy Hipke, Mandy Mellinger, Adam Starzynski

Present to Report: Judy Raygo, Patti Treptow

President Jackie Kolaszewski called the meeting to order.

President Jackie Kolaszewski called for a review and approval of the agenda. Randy Demeuse made a motion to accept the agenda, Darrell Eland seconded; motion passed.

Opening Devotions: Pastor Mark led the devotions from Psalm 27:1. God called us not to live in fear, but to just say "no" to fear.

President Jackie Kolaszewski called for a review and approval of the December 13, 2016 meeting minutes. Jim Zobel made a motion to approve the minutes, Ronda Pedersen seconded; motion passed. President Jackie Kolaszewski read several thank you cards from families receiving the Christmas baskets, Rainbow House, Pastor Rick DeBenedetto and Emmanuel staff.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **Old Business**

Nominating Committee: Pastor Mark read the final slate of candidates presented by Pete Anderson and Jeff Lenca as follows:

Church Council – Mike Bellisle, Darrell Eland, Debbie Villas, Jim Zobel returning for a three year term. Kyle Anderson, youth representative, for a one year term.

Nominating Committee – Sylvia Blom, Cookie Kramer, and Matt Vanni

Northern Great Lakes Synod Assembly Delegates – Dave and Karie Anderson and Lester and Gail Sieglaff

Fortune Lake Delegates – Linda Davis and Al Rasmussen

## **New Business**

Election of New Officers: All of the previous officers agreed to continue in their same rolls for 2017. Darrell Eland made a motion to accept the officers, Jim Zobel seconded; motion passed.

## **REPORTS**

Youth Committee Report: Patti Treptow reviewed their activities for Mandy Mellinger. They met on Sunday and reviewed the video from Christmas Eve. Their next service project will be preparing a meal for the United Way's "Getting Ahead" program. They will be organizing a youth and family bowling activity in February or March.

Youth and Family Ministry Director's Report: Patti Treptow reviewed the items in her written report. Sunday school classes have started back and Confirmation classes will be starting on Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>. Confirmation classes have six parent guides and there will be another group after Easter. The Sunday school Christmas program had a great performance and 12 youth plan on attending the National Youth Gathering.

President: Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report: Gary Gustafson reported that the end of the year excess receipts were \$22,450. The pay off of the copier loan was made in the amount of \$6,198 and \$16,252 was transferred to the maintenance fund. The balance in the checking account is \$33,249. The benevolence to Lutheran Social Services was discussed as to whether they serve our community. This will be looked into by Pastor Mark. A discussion on the permanent restricted camp scholarship funds was held and those policies will be looked into. A motion to pay the bills was made by Darrell Eland, seconded by Jim Zobel; motion passed.

Property: Darrell Eland reported that there was a furnace noise and Gary Marineau would look at it. John Helfert and Jim Briar finished the painting in the church kitchen. Their record keeping binder is being worked on.

Worship: The committee of Pastor Mark, Cookie Kramer, Judy Seglund and Polly Smith did the decorating and undecorated for Christmas.

Fellowship: Ronda Pedersen reported that they will be meeting on Monday to discuss the up-coming events and the meal for the annual meeting. The plans for Jerry Gentz's reception were finalized and council members will help with serving.

Decorating: Nothing to report.

Stewardship: Nothing to report.

Human Resource: Jim Zobel reported that the committee finalized the draft on the bonus policy and will be reviewed by the Executive Committee at their February 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Tim Leinonen will be joining the Human Resources Committee. The AARP Tax Aid Program will be using their own router and is now active in the church. Darrell Eland, Jeanette Lawton and Marilyn Mouritsen will be helpers. Another training session will be held at the Stephenson library on January 12<sup>th</sup>.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Mark highlighted several items in his written report. The kiosk made by Bruce Peters and stained by Dale Sieman is almost completed. The kiosk will be located in the center of the narthex and will contain church and community information. He reported that 28 surveys were completed out of 610 surveys sent out. The results will be reported at the annual meeting.

President Jackie Kolaszewski adjourned the meeting on a motion by Kathy Bero, seconded by Debbie Villas; motion passed. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted  
Debbie Lemery, Acting Council Secretary