

Minutes of the February 14, 2017 Church Council Meeting

Present: Jackie Kolaszewski, Cathy Hipke, Ronda Pedersen, Adam Starzynski, Jim Zobel, Kathy Bero, Randy Demeuse, Gary Gustafson, Debbie Lemery, Pastor Mark Laatsch

Excused: Mike Bellisle, Darrell Eland, Debbie Villas, Kyle Anderson

Present to Report: Patti Treptow

President Jackie Kolaszewski called the meeting to order.

President Jackie Kolaszewski called for a review and approval of the agenda. Jim Zobel made a motion to accept the agenda, Kathy Bero seconded; motion passed.

Devotions/Study of the Word: Pastor Mark led devotions with a reading from the *Lutheran Message* titled Eight Ways to Love.

President Jackie Kolaszewski called for a review and approval of the January 10, 2017 meeting minutes. Randy Demeuse made a motion to approve the minutes, Kathy Bero seconded; motion passed. Jessie and Sharon St. Claire contacted the Church and requested that they be removed from the rolls of membership as they no longer live in the area. A motion was made by Gary Gustafson to remove them from the rolls per their request, seconded by Ronda Pedersen; motion passed. Secretary Cathy Hipke read thank you notes from Jerry Gentz in appreciation for his retirement celebration and from Amy Laatsch for supporting her attendance of the Clergy Spouses Retreat.

ACTION ITEMS

Old Business

New Business

Volunteer to fill Treasurer's position in 2018 – Dave Anderson: Gary Gustafson will meet with Dave in the next few weeks to talk about the full duties of the position to make sure that Dave is informed and still interested. Gary will report back for the March council meeting.

REPORTS

Youth Committee Report: The Youth Advisory Council will be organizing a family bowling event sometime in April. They are also planning a new Bible study and setting up some volunteer opportunities at the Abundant Life Mission.

Youth and Family Ministry Director's Report: Patti discussed her written report and noted that last week's spaghetti dinner raised \$866 for the youth attending the ELCA National Youth Gathering in 2018 and the leftover food from the dinner was donated to the Abundant Life Mission.

President's Report: Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report: Gary Gustafson reviewed in general the monthly finances. A motion to pay the bills was made by Kathy Bero, seconded by Randy Demeuse; motion passed. Gary asked that a discussion of Emmanuel's support of Lutheran Social Services be added to the agenda for the March council meeting.

Committee Reports

Property: Pastor Mark reported that the bill received for salting the parking lot was high for one of the applications in January so he will reach out to Tom's Landscaping for an explanation of the extra cost for that one application.

Outreach: Nothing to report.

Worship: Pastor Mark reported that the piano was recently tuned and the technician noted the low humidity in the sanctuary was having a negative impact on the health of the piano. He recommended the installation of a humidity control system to keep the piano in good operation at a cost of \$645. Kathy Bero made a motion to approve having this installed, Adam Starzynski seconded; motion passed.

Fellowship: Ronda Pedersen reported that the lunch for the Annual Meeting went well. The committee is keeping notes on how much was purchased and served for these events so that there is a foundation for planning future events. The group will look at working with Patti to integrate the youth in working on fellowship events going forward.

Decorating: Nothing to report.

Human Resource: Jim Zobel asked if there was a list of standing committees and their members. Pastor Mark will have Judy print off the updated list and make it available at the kiosk in the narthex. The Human Resource committee

welcomed Tim Leinonen to their group. Jim Zobel raised some discussion concerning the Memorial Committee and how their funds are allocated and used. The Memorial Committee will present information to the council on what they currently use for guidelines as a starting point for review. The Executive Council will also meet to discuss Jim Zobel's list of questions and concerns.

Stewardship: Nothing to report.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Mark reviewed his written report.

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

Respectfully Submitted
Cathy Hipke, Council Secretary