

## **Minutes of the March 14, 2017 Church Council Meeting**

Present: Cathy Hipke, Ronda Pedersen, Adam Starzynski, Jim Zobel, Randy Demeuse, Gary Gustafson, Debbie Lemery, Darrell Eland, Debbie Villas, Kyle Anderson, Pastor Mark Laatsch

Excused: Jackie Kolaszewski, Mike Bellisle, Kathy Bero.

Present to Report: Patti Treptow, Judy Raygo

Vice President Debbie Villas called the meeting to order.

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

Devotions/Study of the Word: Pastor Mark led devotions with a reading from Max Lucado's book *3:16: The Numbers of Hope*.

Vice President Debbie Villas called for a review and approval of the February 14, 2017 meeting minutes. Randy Demeuse made a motion to approve the minutes, Ronda Pedersen seconded; motion passed.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

#### **Old Business**

Lutheran Social Service Contributions: Emmanuel contributes \$1250 annually to Lutheran Social Services which was added as a line item in the budget when there was a LSS local office. Currently the closest offices are in Marquette, Appleton and Wausau with each office offering different services. If a person wanted to use the services provided by LSS they would have to travel to one of these offices. A motion was made by Darrell Eland to cease contributions to Lutheran Social Services with future discussion of how these funds could be better used locally, seconded by Debbie Lemery; motion passed.

#### **New Business**

Memorial Committee Policy: Pastor Mark reported that the Memorial Committee drafted a policy which was accepted in scope by the Executive Council. Jim Zobel has recently reviewed the policy, will offer his feedback to Pastor Mark who will finalize any changes that need to be made and email a copy to the council members for review and discussion at April's meeting.

Church Directory: Lifetouch is scheduled to be at Emmanuel May 3-6 for pictures but will be adding more days as this will not be enough time to accommodate sittings for all members and families. Sign up will be at the end of March.

## **REPORTS**

Youth Committee Report: The Youth Advisory Council is hosting a family bowling event April 23 at the Dome Lanes. The youth will be assembling Easter baskets for the shut in members on Palm Sunday. The YAC is also planning for many other activities including a Bible study, helping with the Lord's Diner at Our Savior's in Marinette and volunteer activities at the Abundant Life Shelter.

Youth and Family Ministry Director's Report: Patti discussed her written report.

President's Report: Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report: Gary Gustafson reviewed in general the monthly finances. Gary pointed out that the bill for Tom's Landscape shows a zero amount in the General Fund Expenditures report due to a question about the amount owed. A motion to pay the bills was made by Jim Zobel, seconded by Adam Starzynski; motion passed.

### Committee Reports

Property: Darrell Eland reported that the committee will host a coffee hour on April 23rd and hopes to recruit helpers for the spring yard cleanup.

Outreach: Nothing to report.

Memorial: Pastor Mark reported that Marilyn Mouritsen is working on documenting memorials given prior to the existence of the Memorial Book which was started at the time of the building renovation. The committee is hoping to partner with the Worship Committee to choose some seasonal banners for the front of the Sanctuary.

Worship: Pastor Mark reported that the humidity control system was installed in the piano but is not working due to a faulty sensor. This will be repaired under warranty.

Fellowship: Ronda Pedersen reported that the art show will be held on April 30 from 9 until noon. The committee will host the coffee hour that day.

Decorating: Nothing to report.

Human Resource: Jim Zobel presented the Bonus Policy for review and discussion. A motion was made by Darrell Eland to approve the Bonus Policy as written effective March 14, 2017, seconded by Debbie Lemery; motion passed.

Learning: Nothing to report.

Stewardship: Nothing to report.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Mark reviewed his written report and discussed the plans for Good Friday worship.

Vice President Debbie Villas closed the meeting on a motion by Gary Gustafson, seconded by Ronda Pedersen; motion passed. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted  
Cathy Hipke, Council Secretary