

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Ken Will. Council members present were: Jon Hanson, Kylie Blanchard, Jeff Thomas and Tom Harris, arriving later in the meeting. Kim Humann and Brian Johnson were absent. Staff members present were: Pastor Lisa Alness, Connie Werner, and Art Wheeler.

There were no additions to the agenda.

Pastor Lisa led us in devotions.

Motion was made to approve the November minutes was made by Jon Hanson and second by Kylie Blanchard, motion carried. Art Wheeler gave the treasurer report, all bills received by November 30, 2017, have been paid. November bank statements have reconciled and registries are correct. Art stated as 2017 draws to a close, he anticipates additional expenses of \$20,000 to possibly \$23,000 in the operating fund. For contributions to equal expenses this calendar year, we'll need approximately \$50,000 in revenue yet this year. Motion was made by Jeff Thomas and second by Jon Hanson to approve the report; motion carried.

**Pastors report:** Joint thanksgiving service with Faith Lutheran, St. George Episcopal and United Church of Christ was well attended. Heart River hosted "The Longest Night/Blue Christmas service on Tuesday, December 19th and LCC was invited. The cookie walk on December 10th was a great success with many cookies sold. The people who went Christmas caroling also took cookies to the various people they visited in the Bismarck area. Everyone is busy getting ready for the Christmas and Advent season and the birth of our Savior.

There were two funerals at LCC: Lois Erickstad and Phyllis Johnson.

**Director of Discipleship:** There were two nice pledges made to help offset the student loans for Steven Dickens if he accepts the call to come to LCC.

Ken went to Chicago the 5th of December and visited with Steven and Kristina, they had a wonderful conversation. Steven and Kristina are in the process of adopting a child. Art will revisit Portico Insurance as it will make a difference in the cost of the family Portico premium.

**Building and Grounds:** The new sign is up and shining in front of the church. The interior signage will be installed the week of December 10th. The sign for the corner of the lot was tabled once again.

**Mission Endowment:** No report.

**Worship and Music:** Heart River Child Concert will be held Wednesday, December 20th.

**Christian Education:** No report.

**Congregational Nurturing:** Honoring the volunteers will have an "angels among us" theme. One volunteer a month will be honored. Anyone may suggest an honoree for the month to a council member. Faith and Care Committee reported \$2,200 was raised at the Camp of the Cross breakfast.

**Nominating Committee:** Members of the committee are Lee Jensen, Carol Samuelson, Roger Krueger, and council members, Ken Will and Jon Hanson. Kim Humann has decided not to remain on the council. Jon Hanson has decided to continue serving on the council for another term. If you know of anyone interested in being on the council, please contact a committee member.

**Stewardship:** Time and Talent sheets have been sent out.

**Budget Committee:** The 2018 Budget was approved. Jon Hanson made the motion to approve with verbal changes, Tom Harris seconded; motion carried.

**Mission Support:** No report.

**IT Support:** No report.

**Strategic Planning Committee:** Jon Hanson has a report to be added to the Annual Meeting.

**Unfinished Business:** Annual Meeting is schedule to be held Sunday, January 14th, following worship service.

**New Business:** Ken Will would like to hold a Council Retreat in March at the church. It was reported the church has been left unlocked with lights on several times recently. This has been a problem in the past as well. Discussion was held on what needs to be done in the future to stop this from happening. Further discussion to follow.

No further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned with the Lord's prayer. The next Council meeting will be on Tuesday, January 9th at 6:30 pm following C2 meeting which is held at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jeffrey L. Thomas, Council Secretary