

**LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2016**

Call to Order: President Jon Hanson called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

Devotions: Tim began the meeting with devotions.

Additions to the Agenda: Jon suggested moving the Pastor's Report and Endowment Fund Update first in the order of business for the meeting.

Art made a motion to change the order of agenda items. Brett seconded the motion.

Motion approved

Pastor's Report:

Pastor Donna's report is attached to the minutes.

Pastoral Assistant Report:

Tim's report is attached to the minutes.

Endowment Fund Update:

Murray Sagsveen, Ken Will and Jon Spilde attended the council meeting to provide an update on the Endowment Committee's activities. Ken Will indicated they will be recommending changes/amendments /deletions to the Council for approval in the near future. It will be necessary to call a special congregational meeting to make these changes. Discussion followed.

Murray Sagsveen recommended that LCC update the following governance documents:

- *Articles of Incorporation
- *Constitution
- *Bylaws
- *Continuing Resolutions
- *Council Policies

The documents that are currently in place have not been reviewed or updated in quite some time. He recommended the Council appoint a governance task force to review the existing governance documents and submit any appropriate recommendations back to the Council in time for them to review and submit the recommendations to the congregation at the 2017 annual meeting. Murray indicated he is the synod attorney so he works continually with the Model Constitution for Congregations. Murray conveyed he would assist any task force to accomplish this project in time for the 2017 annual meeting.

Approval of Minutes from April 12, 2016 and May 10, 2016 meetings:

Brett Gurholt moved to approve the minutes. Brian Johnson seconded the motion
Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Marguerite Ulmer presented the Treasurer's Report.

Art Wheeler moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Jeff Thomas seconded the motion.

Motion approved.

Staff Reports: None

Council Member Future Goals:

Jon Hanson shared a quote, "Step back in perspective, open your heart and welcome transition into a new phase of life." – Linda Rawson

Committee Reports:

Christian Education – Jeff Thomas

Vacation Bible School will be held at United Church of Christ this year.

Congregational Nurturing – Kylie Blanchard

No report.

Outreach – Brett Gurholt

No report.

Worship and Music – Kim Humann

Kim indicated the committee is finishing activities up until the fall. The committee discussed the Children's service and Pastor Donna's retirement service.

Robin conveyed she will set up a meeting with Pastor Tim Johnson to visit about selecting music for the worship services.

The next meeting will be held in August

Congregational Operations – Art Wheeler/Brian Johnson

Brian conveyed he is hoping to bring the Gift Recognition Policy back to the council next month.

Art Wheeler presented the General Fund Revenue and Building Fund contribution report.

Call Committee & Transition Support Team – Jon Hanson

Jon indicated the Transition Support Team and Call Committee met on May 9, 2016 to discuss what has been done to date and what the next steps will be.

The Call Committee will be meeting again on May 24, 2016.

Unfinished Business:

WND Synod Conference – June 10 & 11 at the Ramkota Hotel: Al & Carol Samuelson will be unable to attend on behalf of the church. Jon Hanson inquired if any members of the council would be interested in attending. Discussion followed. The Council directed to have Connie send an email out to the congregation asking for any volunteers

Tilling of the Soil will be meeting again on May 18 at 10am at the Bismarck Public Library.

Pastor Tim Johnson:

Pastor Tim Johnson signed the contract and will be starting June 1, 2016.

Art Wheeler made a motion that the church will pay the employee/employer social security for Pastor Tim Johnson's salary. Brett Gurholt seconded the motion.

Motion approved.

Farewell event for Pastor Donna on May 15:

Art Wheeler indicated plans are underway for the farewell event for Pastor Donna. He has contacted the Faith & Care co-chairs to ensure they are aware of the potluck following.

NEW BUSINESS

Parking Lot Repairs – It has been brought to the Council's attention that the parking lot is in need of repairs and painting of the vehicle parking lines. Art Wheeler provided two estimates from companies who do asphalt patching and painting of parking lots. Discussion followed. Brett Gurholt volunteered to contact additional companies who specialize in asphalt patching and painting parking lots lines for costs and report back to the council in June.

Carpet cleaning – The Council discussed the church carpets being cleaned sometime this summer. Art Wheeler will contact 3 carpet cleaning businesses for estimates.

Meeting was Adjourned at 8:05pm

Pastoral Assistant Report – June

Jeff will gladly tell you but Vacation Bible school has been going well. UCC has been a great host and we have had more kids attend this year than any other year as long as I have been at LCC. Next month I can tell you just how many.

Also the youth group continues to meet weekly and would glad finish painting the other two side of the shed in June or July if someone wants to pick up the paint.

Between Gary and myself we are visiting those who have a hard time making it to our building. We also finished some premarital counselling for a couple. My thanks to Gary for all his help during this time of transition

My thanks to Pastors Gary Heaton, Joel Sherer, Jim Sorenson, and Lawrence Thompson for coming to our aid in June. Hopefully Pastor Tim is doing well and will be here in July. In his absence I have set up guest pastors to cover June and hope someone can meet with them next Sunday June 19th and the following Sunday June 26th as I will be out of town both days. Will that work for any of you? Please let me know if you are available so I can let you know what I would like you to do.

I am looking into if we should pay our sound/streamers/and projectionists. I think it would allow for us to have expectations as well as accountability. I also think many people would pass on the payment but it might be a good way to get some youth more involved while making a bit of money. There are pros and cons but to be honest I have not had the time to look into a whole lot further. Hopefully by July we can discuss it more.

I am sure I forgot something but VBS calls. Enjoy the BBQ and see you next month!

Keep Pedaling,

Tim