

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, April 11, 2017

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Ken Will. Council members present, Ken Will, Jeff Thomas, Kylie Blanchard, Jon Hanson, Tom Harris, Brian Johnson and Kim Humman. Staff personnel in attendance were Pastor Lisa Ahlness, Connie Werner Murray Sagsveen and Art Wheeler. There were no additions to the agenda.

Pastor Lisa led us in devotions.

Motion to approve the March council minutes was made by Brian Johnson and second by Jon Hanson; motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Art Wheeler, Motion to accept the report was made by Jon Hanson, seconded by Kylie Blanchard; motion carried.

Merry Go Round has paid the rent to the end of the school year. Brian Johnson made motion and Kylie Blanchard seconded to pay the yearly payment for the insurance on the church. Jon Hanson made the motion second by Kim Humman to remain with Bain Insurance for the church insurance.

Murray Sagsveen talked about the Constitution and the different options the church has to update it. The one thing we need to have is a new Agent of Record. Tom Harris made the motion and Brian Johnson seconded that Ken Will be the new Agent of Record. There were other things discussed such as adopting by-laws and Articles of Incorporation. Jon Hanson will assist Murray with this.

Pastor Lisa gave a report about Living Generously, a 5 week program with video's that would be incorporated into the sermon. The cost is \$700 for three years, which is a greatly reduced price. Jon Hanson made the motion and Tom Harris seconded the motion to purchase the program; motion carried. Pastor Lisa is visiting the elderly more now that she is feeling better. Discussion was held on electronic giving. Churches that have gone to this program are seeing an upturn in offerings. The church will purchase 2 card readers for the people that want to use this method of giving. Brian Johnson made the motion and Kylie Blanchard seconded to use electronic giving; motion carried.

Tim Newman gave his report and there are many things going on the rest of the year. Vacation Bible School will be hosted by Lutheran Church of the Cross this year June 6-8, 2017. Also a Wednesday evening barbecue on June 7 could be in conjunction with VBS. Friday, April 28, 2017, is also being looked at as an activity time for the children. A dinner and a movie-type activity was mentioned. It was mentioned that perhaps a bird house project be held again. A library/book holding project outside in front of the church was briefly discussed. On Wednesday, May 3rd, the youth will be picking up trash around the area.

Committee reports:

Building and Grounds—window washing. Jon Hanson contacted Scott Berge and has received his bid. Due to the cost, we will need one more bid on the window washing project. Saturday, May 13, is scheduled for spring yard clean up beginning at 9 am. Jon Hanson put together a list of things that need to be done on the church grounds during the clean up and also to the building itself.

Mission Endowment—No report

Worship and Music—Holy week schedule is as follows: Maundy Thursday service is at 6 pm, Good Friday service is at 12:15 pm and 6 pm; Easter service will be at 8 am and 10 am with a light breakfast between services. There was discussion concerning the continuation of Wednesday night service through the summer.

Christian Education—No report

Congregational Nurturing—No report

Nominating committee—No report

Stewardship—No report

Budget committee—No report.

Unfinished business—the flow chart needs to be published and get it posted as soon as possible. Staff and summer hours was discussed. Summer hours will need to be published in order for people to know when someone will be at the church.

New business:

Connie is applying for a \$250 grant from Thrivent for outside beautification. Brian Johnson made motion and Kim Humman second to give Tim Newman and his family two \$250 visa cards for a parting gift. There will also be a Farewell Potluck following worship service on Sunday, May 14, for the Newman family as well.

Personnel committee met to discuss Tim's replacement. It was decided to go forward and advertise for his position replacement. The job will be advertised at Job service, area colleges and through the Synod.

Nothing more before the council, the meeting was adjourned with the Lords Prayer. Next meeting will be May 9, 2017 at 6:30 pm with C2 meeting at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeffrey Thomas, Secretary