

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS
COUNCIL MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2017

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

There were no additions to the agenda.

Pastor Lisa led us in devotions.

Motion to approve the December minutes was made by Kim Humann and second by Tom Harris; motion carried. Art Wheeler gave the treasurer report; all bills received by December 31, 2017, have been paid. December bank statements have been reconciled and registries are correct. Motion was made by Brian Johnson, seconded by Kylie Blanchard to approve the report; motion carried.

We are looking at the largest budget for LCC in 2018. The Council is working on a better way to keep track of all income and expenses so as to better keep the members informed.

The Audit, done by Augie Ternes, shows that LCC is in compliance and all the numbers are good. Motion was made by Jeff Thomas, seconded by Kim Humann, to accept the Audit and to pay Augie \$600 for doing the Audit; motion carried.

Pastors report: A gift from the Phyllis Johnson family in the amount of \$2000 was given to the church. A second gift from the Lois Erickstad family in the amount of \$425 was also given to the Church.

Deb Carpenter is once again working on the Wednesday night Lenten service. She always does a wonderful job.

FPU (Financial Peace University) will be starting again on February 11, 2018. We have two couples and one single person signed up as of now. I encourage any one to attend; it is very worthwhile. It runs for nine Sundays from 7 to 8:30 pm.

Also starting in February is the new member classes. Date and time to be determined.

Director of Discipleship: Compensation package was discussed. The policy of the church is that there is a drug and alcohol test before any staff is employed by Lutheran Church of the Cross.

Building and Grounds: The phone system needs to be updated. No one can call the church and leave a message. Art stated he has the folder which has the information as to who installed the phone system.

Mission Endowment: No Report.

Worship and Music: Altar focus for January is for the Salvation Army. They are working on Ash Wednesday service and Holy Week. Media and IT have been combined with Worship and Music. The streaming equipment is slowly beginning to wear out and will have to be updated.

Christian Education: No Report.

Congregational Nurturing: This Committee will be taking over the "Angels Amongst Us," which began January, 2018.

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: John Kraft led the group decorating for Christmas.

Budget Committee: The budget Committee approved the 2018 Budget.

Mission Support: No Report.

Strategic Planning Committee: No Report

Unfinished Business: Annual Meeting is schedule to be held Sunday, January 14th, 2018, following worship service.

New Business: the Council Retreat was tabled for now. Also noted that a paper ballot for voting to accept the needed changes to the Constitution. If the members of the congregation want to issue a call to Steve Dickens for Director of Discipleship, a paper ballot must also be used.

Jeff made a formal motion to appoint Art Wheeler as our Treasurer for 2018, Tom seconded; motion carried unanimously.

No further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned with the Lord's prayer. The next Council meeting will be on Tuesday, February 13th, 2018 at 6:30 pm following C2 meeting which is held at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jeffrey L. Thomas, Council Secretary