

**Lutheran Church of the Cross**  
“Making Jesus Known by Sharing Our Gifts”  
Council Meeting Minutes  
January 8, 2019

**Meeting was called to order** by President Tom at 6:36 p.m.

**Attendance:** Pastor Lisa, Kylie Blanchard, Tom Harris, Heather Martin, Jeff Thomas, Connie Werner, and Art Wheeler

**Devotions:** Pastor Lisa shared The Baptism of Jesus (Luke Ch.3, Isaiah Ch. 43)

**Approval of December Minutes**

Art noted one correction to the December minutes. Under the title 2019 Budget Review, item number 2, “Quarterly Maintenance Contract” in the cost breakdown should instead read “Annual Maintenance Contract.” **Jeff T motion to approve with correction/Tom H second/APPROVED**

**Calendar Review**

President Tom reviewed the monthly calendar, noting the Annual Meeting on Sunday, Jan. 20. Third grade Bible class will be held Sunday, Jan. 6, at 9 a.m. and Wednesday, Jan. 16, at 7 p.m. for students preparing to receive their bibles on Sunday, Feb.3, and Wednesday, Feb. 6. The Men’s Retreat will be held Jan. 25 – Jan. 27 at Camp of the Cross.

**Pastor’s Report**

Pastor Lisa noted her appreciation and thanks to Pam Hanson and Sally Grenz who stepped in to visit shut-ins during the month of December while she battled illness.

The Blue Christmas service was held on Dec. 23, with approximately 12 people in attendance. Pastor Lisa said she was glad this service was available and plans to hold it again in the future. Both Christmas Eve services went well, and the first service was live streamed for those unable to attend.

A large jar will be out during services in January for Janie’s scholarship fund to help defray the cost of her final year of school to become a Deacon. Contributions can be made by check and be made out to “LCC” with “Janie” written in the memo. A check will then be made directly to the Seminary totaling the donations.

Pastor Lisa noted she met with the community’s new Thrivent representative and highlighted “Action Teams.” Pamphlets on Action Teams will be available at the church.

Pastor Lisa will be gone Jan. 25 - Feb.3 and Janie will be gone Jan. 19 – 28. All services are covered.

**Director of Discipleship Report (President Tom reported on behalf of Janie)**

The Church School Christmas Program went well and was enjoyed by church school families and congregation members.

The Youth Group Lock-In, originally schedule for Dec. 27, was rescheduled for Feb. 15.

The spring Church School curriculum was purchased and is already in use.

Janie will be gone, as noted above, for continuing education and vacation.

### **Treasurer's Report**

All bills and statements as of Dec. 31 have been paid.

A 2018 prepaid income general journal entry was made for \$1,525.

All December bank statements have been reconciled and registries are correct.

Total income for December was \$84,835.98, of which \$51,000 were charitable gifts. This far exceeded the budgeted goal for December. Total income for 2018 of \$421,667 was within \$6,421 of the amended total annual budget goal of \$428,088, which also included Promissory Note transfers.

As a result of the generous charitable gifts, the General Operating Fund bank balance will end 2018 with \$35,341 more than it began in 2018. The total income will exceed total expenses by \$100,378. President Tom suggested the February council meeting include some decision by the Council to develop a plan for the additional income. **Kylie B motioned to adopt the Treasurer's Report/Heather M second/APPROVED**

Art brought up a situation in December when all Executive Committee members were unavailable to sign a check for an insurance premium that was due. He noted American Bank Center has the option of automatic bill pay and encouraged the Council to consider this option for recurring monthly payments. President Tom will look into the Church policies and see if there is a policy on this action or one needs to be developed. The issue was tabled until next month.

A financial review of LCC's 2018 financial records was completed by Augie Ternes. No discrepancies were found, and all bank statements were reconciled. Following a review of the Financial Report, Art found an error on pg. 3 in which \$39, 134.88, listed under the Promissory Note Fund, should be listed under Operating Fund. Art is unable to make this change and the accountant is unavailable at this time. An addendum written by President Tom will be included with the report presented to the congregation at the Annual Meeting and corrected copies will be made available as soon as possible.

### **Committee Updates**

Heather provided an update on the Worship and Music Committee's upcoming new bulletin format, which will accompany a new projection software. She also noted third grade students will receive their bibles in early February.

President Tom noted Council members will be selecting new committee portfolios during the organizational meeting immediately following the Annual Meeting.

### **Old Business**

2019 Annual Meeting Preparation

Policy Manual Updates – tabled until next meeting

Waste Management Contract – a contract was created and signed for Waste Management to begin recycle pick-ups on Jan. 15.

**New Business**

Lutheran Social Services bought new carpet for its offices, but it will cost \$10,000 for installation. To date, \$4,000 has been raised. The Bishop's Work Crew and Thrivent Action Teams will complete the painting at the offices. LCC has been asked to donate toward the cost of carpet installation and to help in painting. This new business has been tabled until the next council meeting.

Art will prepare and send out giving statements for 2018.

**Next Meeting: February 13, 2019 @ 6:30 p.m.**

President Tom adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.