

**LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2017**

Call to Order: President Jon Hanson called the meeting to order at 6:35pm

Council Members Present:

Jon Hanson, Brian Johnson, Art Wheeler and Kim Humann.

Council Members Absent:

Kylie Blanchard, Brett Gurholt and Jeff Thomas.

Staff Present:

Pastor Lisa Ahlness, Tim Newman and Connie Werner.

Devotions:

Jon Hanson led the group in devotion.

Additions to the Agenda: Jon Hanson conveyed he would like to add IT Support to New Business.

Approval of Minutes from December 13, 2016:

Brian Johnson moved to approve the minutes. Art Wheeler seconded the motion.

Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Art Wheeler presented the Treasurer's Report.

Art Wheeler moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Kim Humann seconded the motion.

Motion approved.

Jon Hanson welcomed Pastor Lisa Ahlness to the council meeting.

Pastoral Assistant Report:

Tim's report is attached to the minutes.

Staff Reports:

Connie Werner conveyed she likes the new copier and she will be receiving additional training on features and settings for it.

Committee Reports:

Christian Education – Jeff Thomas

None

Congregational Nurturing – Kylie Blanchard
None

Outreach – Brett Gurholt
None

Worship and Music – Kim Humann
At the committee's January meeting the recently completed Christmas services were discussed. The committee has initiated discussion on Lenten services.

Congregational Operations – Art Wheeler/Brian Johnson
Art Wheeler presented the General Fund Revenue and Building Fund contributions report.

The Promissory Note Committee will need another member who represents the church council. Current committee members are: Roger Pommerer, Art Wheeler and Ken Will.

Art Wheeler moved to appoint Jon Hanson as a member of the Promissory Note Committee. Brian Johnson seconded the motion.

Motion approved.

Unfinished Business:

Council/Committee Orientation and Workday, February 25, 2017 – Jon Hanson indicated this will be held from 9:00am to 1:00pm.

Nominating Committee – The terms of council members Art Wheeler and Brett Gurholt will be expiring. The nominating committee met and Ken Will and Tom Harris have agreed to be nominated to serve on the council.

Committee Reports for the Annual Meeting – Jon Hanson will be sending an email requesting that committee's submit the annual reports to Connie Werner for the Annual Meeting.

Salary & Benefit Package for Pastor Lisa Ahlness - The salary and benefit package for Pastor Lisa Ahlness was reviewed.

Review Final 2017 Budget – Art Wheeler presented the proposed 2017 budget for review and approval. Discussion followed.

Brian Johnson moved to accept the proposed 2017 budget for presentation at the Annual Meeting. Art Wheeler seconded the motion.

Motion approved.

New Business:

Resignation of Marguerite Ulmer, Treasurer – Art Wheeler conveyed Marguerite Ulmer had resigned as Treasurer for LCC. Art Wheeler volunteered to serve as Interim Treasurer until the new council is in place. Discussion followed. By general consensus, the council appointed Art Wheeler as Interim Treasurer until the new council meets.

IT Support – The church office received a quote from Fireside Office Solutions which includes: backup for external hard drive, additional storage and IT support time. Discussion followed. Jon Hanson will contact Fireside Office Solutions regarding additional questions on the quote and report back to the council at the February meeting.

Snow Removal – The removal of large snow piles in the parking lot is prohibited due to high cost. However, a group of men from the congregation will attempt to use a large snow blower and move it to the South side of the church.

The next council meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 14.

Meeting Adjourned.