

Lutheran Church of the Cross
“Making Jesus Known by Sharing Our Gifts”
Council Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2018

Meeting was called to order by President Tom Harris at 6:35pm

Attendance: Pastor Lisa, Tom Harris, Ken Will, Jon Hanson, Heather Martin, Kylie Blanchard, Brian Johnson, Jeff Thomas, Art Wheeler, Connie Werner

Devotions: Prayer led by Pastor Lisa

Approval of March 13th Minutes – Jeff T motion/Kylie B second/APPROVED

Calendar – Reviewed upcoming events in April

Pastor Lisa

1. Future of Lunch At First (LAF) is in question and is being reviewed by the participating churches. It is noted that LCC recommends maintaining LAF as an opportunity for outreach and a benefit to students.
2. Pastor Lisa will absent on May 6 and 27, Pastors Gary Heaton and Tim Johnson will fill-in.
3. WND Synod assembly is on May 31, June 1&2 at the Ramkota. Bishop Eaton, Presiding ELCA Bishop, is the speaker at the Pre-Assembly on Thur, May 31. Synod Assembly reps are Tom Harris and Jeff Thomas. Council members are encouraged to attend.
4. Hunger Ride on May 31, LCC will host, details to follow.
5. Financial Peace University continues to meet every Sunday evening into April.

Treasurer’s Report – Brian J motion/Ken W second/APPROVED

1. All bills and statements as of March 31 have been paid.
2. A 2018 prepaid income general journal entry was made for \$1,525.00.
3. March bank statements have been reconciled and registries are correct.
4. Total income for March was \$32,286.22, which exceeded expenditures of \$22,294.78 by \$10,592.00 less than the budget goal.
5. **(Art Wheeler email, dtd April 16, 2018)** A gift of \$8,000 was received on April 15 and was deposited in the general fund. Additionally, regular contributions were several thousand dollars above what we expected. The result is that the total 2018 income is now \$110,757. The current budget goal (without additional full-time staff) is \$121,276. We have two Sundays left in April to hopefully receive the \$10,519 difference.

Council Member Portfolio Discussion – Council Retreat

Old Business:

1. Staff Position Discussion
 - a. The candidate for the position of Deacon of Discipleship was interviewed on April 9 by members of the council.
 - b. It was decided that we should proceed with the next step, which is a second interview. This interview will be Pastor Lisa, Kylie Blanchard and a couple of church school teachers.
 - c. A compensation package will be reviewed.
2. Council Retreat, April 14, 9:00am to 1:00pm
3. Church interior signage was discussed, and it was decided that we should hold off on additional signs at this time. We will consider additional signs as the budget allows.
4. The Purchasing Policy was discussed and approved with a couple of minor changes.
5. Overall, comments regarding the Easter services was positive.
6. Sound system, possible replacement of Pastor Lisa's microphone.

New Business:

Merry-Go-Round has indicated that they will only have school in the mornings during the 2019 school year.

Next Meeting: May 8th, 6:30pm

President Tom adjourned the meeting at 8:15pm

Thank you for what you do for Lutheran Church of the Cross!