

Lutheran Church of the Cross
"Making Jesus Known by Sharing Our Gifts"
Council Meeting Minutes
August 14, 2018

Meeting was called to order by Vice President Ken Will at 6:32pm

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

Welcome to Janie Hague!

Devotions: Opening prayer, Pastor Lisa

Approval of July Minutes – Kylie B motion/Heather M second/APPROVED

Calendar Review –

- Confirmation orientation – Sep 5
- Rally Week – Sep 9 and 12, Charter member recognition/Pot-Luck
- Blood Drive – Sep 12, 4-7pm
- Backpack blessing – Sep 16 and 19

Pastor Lisa

1. Working on church school with Janie
2. Attending workshop at Luther Seminary on Aug 27-28
3. Janie will be preaching on Sep 2 and Sep 30
4. Installation of church school teachers on Sep 30
5. Suggested that we have a Wild Game Feed

Director of Discipleship (DOD) Janie

1. Ordered church school curriculum
2. Visited Camp of the Cross

Treasurer's Report – Jeff T motion/Heather M second/APPROVED

1. All bills and statements as of July 30 have been paid.
2. A 2018 prepaid income general journal entry was made for \$1,525.00.
3. July bank statements have been reconciled and registries are correct.
4. Total income for July was \$36,263.00, which exceeded expenditures of \$31,255.35 by \$5,007.65. Terrific for a summer month which also included the six-month Mission Support contributions. The total income did exceed the planned budget of \$34,639 by \$1,624.
5. Total income for the year of \$213,808, which, as of July 30, leaves us short of the budget goal by \$2,745. At this point of the summer that's acceptable and we are functioning well within our projected expenses.
6. The 2019 Portico Plan choice for staff should be approved in Sept.

7. Grinnel Insurance (Property) wants to re-evaluate the structural value of our building, which is currently valued at \$2.7M. They have quoted a value of \$1.6M, Bain Insurance and Paul Gurholt have indicated that it should be at least the \$2.7, maybe closer to \$3M. John Kraft did some extensive measuring to determine square footage, building type and structural materials in response to Grinnel. Council will decide to accept or request another opinion/estimate from another builder and/or contractor.

Kylie B motion/Jeff T second/APPROVED

Congregational Operations

1. Building and Grounds – Jeff Thomas
 - a. MGR is donating landscaping border, the same “curbing” that surround the playground. Measurements have been taken and work should be completed this fall.
 - b. Boulevard sign will be painted.
 - c. Idea has been proposed for a sitting area in front of the church, we will be getting some drawings soon.
 - d. Initiated discussion into our janitorial service and whether we need to move in a different direction. With our membership numbers going up and more activities taking place in the church, it might require increased maintenance.
2. Budget Committee – Initial budget review will take place on October 6 at the Council Retreat.
3. Nominating Committee should consider meeting to review potential candidates for council, etc.

Congregational Life

1. Generosity Action Team – Ken Will is working with a group to determine how we can improve our services, mission and stewardship.
 - Adopt a school
2. Jo Wilson, MGR, attended the weekly staff meeting and was asked how we could better support her mission. There were no specific issues, but we did discuss ways to work together, for example: volunteer opportunities, free library, food pantry and CPR/AED training.
3. Worship and Music – Time and Talent sheets should go out in October, Heather Martin will provide a temple talk on October 7.
4. Christian Education – Should be ready for Church School and Confirmation
5. Congregational Nurturing –
 - a. Continue summer picnics with youth activities and church service (need a banner).
 - b. Discussed various ways to volunteer in the community, some ideas are: Rebuilding Together and United Way “Day of Caring”.

6. It has been suggested to move the Council meeting time to 7:00pm to allow more time for committee meetings.

New Business:

1. Kiev Symphony Orchestra and Chorus, Legacy HS, Sept 14
2. New Church Directory
3. Four session Bible Study focused on prayer will be led by Ken Will this fall/winter.
4. CPR/AED classes will be scheduled – Ken Will
5. Financial Peace University – scheduled for Sep 23-Nov 4, 7-8:30pm

Next Meeting: September 11, 6:30pm

Vice President Ken adjourned the meeting at 7:35pm

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