

Lutheran Church of the Cross
“Making Jesus Known by Sharing Our Gifts”
Council Meeting Minutes
December 11, 2018

Meeting was called to order by President Tom at 6:32pm

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

The agenda was re-arranged to allow Brian Johnson and Heather Martin to be involved in the 2019 Budget discussion and approval, so they could leave early.

Devotions: Luke 3:7-14, “You brood of vipers...”

Approval of November Minutes – Jeff T motion/Ken W second/APPROVED

Calendar Review

Caroling and the Cookie Walk were discussed, and both were a huge success. Five groups sang Christmas carols to 30 individuals and over \$800 were raised selling cookies, the money went to the Soup Kitchen.

Pastor Lisa

1. Campus Ministry, groups are working on the paperwork to be recognized as an organization. WND Synod has a \$10,000 budget for this purpose.
2. Update on the LSS Refugee Dinner, Jan 13
3. Janie would like to form a Youth Team and is looking for leaders
4. There has been a request for an October wedding that might involve a pet (dog) to be present during the ceremony. At the present time, LCC has no policies that cover pets in the church and the question has come up in the past. Since we are in the process of revising our Policy Manual, Jon will research and propose a policy that covers this issue.
5. A motion was made that we add a Recycling route to our Waste Management contract. We have been taking our recycling to a dump site, but the quantity is increasing, and this makes it much easier to take care of. It will add \$15 per month our bill. **Jeff T motion/Kylie B second/APPROVED**

Director of Discipleship (DOD) Janie

1. Ordering 2019 church school curriculum
2. Third grade bibles will be handed out in January

Treasurer’s Report – Ken W motion/Jon H second/APPROVED

1. All bills and statements as of November 30 have been paid.
2. A 2018 prepaid income general journal entry was made for \$1,525.00.
3. November bank statements have been reconciled and registries are correct.

4. Total income for November was \$35,769.95, which exceeded the General Operating Fund budget goal of \$34,639 by \$1,131. Included in the November income was a charitable contribution of \$11,000. Total income YTD is \$337,431, which is \$17,678 less than the budget goal for the first 11 months. We have 5 Sundays in December plus Christmas which should help make the year's budget.
5. The income for the first 11 months has exceeded expenses for the same period by \$64,250 which is close to the amount transferred from the General Fund to the Promissory Note Reserve Fund. Income over expenses has kept the General Fund balance in a good range this calendar year. Without the Income vs Expense difference, the General Fund would be much less.
6. In addition to the sewer line repair, which was \$4,700, there were recent repairs to the water heater in the kitchen were \$878, which included a new water pump. We just learned that the refrigerator in the kitchen does not cool. HA Thompson has ordered a new control panel for that, estimates are in the range of \$500 plus labor to repair. Before the end of the year, the Repairs and Maintenance line item will take a fair-sized hit.

2019 Budget Review

Proposed 2019 budget was approved, with the following changes:

1. A decision was made to revise the Total budget amount to include the Promissory Note Annual Transfer amount. This has always been a separate line in the budget but is an actual part of the budget. To avoid confusion, it should be considered when we discuss total budget. The total proposed 2019 budget will now be \$421,597; \$353,197 is the normal budget items and \$68,400 is the Promissory Note Annual Transfer amount.
2. In order to disclose the actual costs of Repairs & Maintenance, all recent expenditures will be reflected in that line item, even though some of the funds were taken out of the old Building Fund reserve. Cost breakdown:

a. Sewer line inspection	\$225.
b. Sewer line cleaning	716.
c. Sewer line repair	4,700.
d. Hot water heater repair	878.
e. Refrigerator repair	860.
f. Other Repairs	1,569.
Total Repairs:	<u>8,948.</u>

Quarterly Maintenance Contract	3,555.
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Total: \$12,503.

Brian J motion/Ken W second/APPROVED

Annual Meeting, January 20, 2019

1. Council members Brian Johnson and Jeff Thomas have served their 3-year term and will not seek a second term. Thank you for your dedicated service to LCC and its members!
2. Kylie Blanchard has excepted a second 3-year term, thank you!
3. Krisi Kunz and Mark Kunze have accepted the nomination for a 3-year term on the council and will be voted on during the annual meeting.
4. A motion was made to reconfirm Art Wheeler as the Treasurer for another year. Thank you for your valued service to LCC! **Ken W motion/Tom H second/APPROVED**

Old Business:

Work continues on the Policy Manual with the added requirement of a Pet Policy and should be available for council review in early 2019.

New Business: N/A

Next Meeting: January 8 @ 6:30pm

President Tom adjourned the meeting at 8:20pm

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and Thank you for what you do for Lutheran Church of the Cross!