

Lutheran Church of the Cross
"Making Jesus Known by Sharing Our Gifts"
Council Meeting Minutes
May 8, 2018

Meeting was called to order by President Tom Harris at 6:34pm

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

Devotions: John 15:1-8 "I am the true vine...Abide in me as I abide in you."

Approval of March 13th Minutes – Ken W motion/Kylie B second/APPROVED

Calendar – Reviewed upcoming events in June, July, August

- Western North Dakota Synod Assembly May 31 – June 2
- Summer picnics June 13, July 11 and August 8 will begin at 5:30 with a service at 6:30, outdoors weather permitting.
- Council Meetings will continue to be the second Tuesday at 6:30. C2 will not be held during the months of June, July and August.
- Rosalee Stromstad funeral this Saturday at 11:00 a.m., Charter Member

Pastor Lisa

1. Theology on the Prairie, continuing education.
2. Camp of the Cross new construction is progressing, approx. \$500K short.
3. Janie Hague has accepted the position of Director of Discipleship and will start on July 9th.
4. Senior Recognition and Church School Teacher Recognition this Sunday.
5. Summer picnics, we should apply for a Thrivent Grant – Ken W or Gary H?
6. Second class of Financial Peace University graduated on April 29th.
7. Pastor Lisa attended the 50th anniversary of Lord of Life.
8. May 27th, Pastor Tim Johnson will be filling in for Pastor Lisa.

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

1. All bills and statements as of April 30th have been paid.
2. Page 2, Vanco charge of \$71.38.
3. Page 5, Profit/Loss **Jeff T motion/Jon H second/APPROVED**
4. April bank statements have been reconciled and registries are correct.
5. QuickBooks, 2017 version and Pro Advisor \$503.00, would extend out to May of 2020. Payroll Service \$852.00, \$1,600.00 for 3-year plan would extend out to May of 2021. Motion was made to accept the payment of \$2,103.00 for these updates. **Tom H motion/Ken W second/APPROVED**

Council Member Portfolio Discussion – Council Retreat

1. Building and Grounds – Jeff Thomas discussed upcoming projects
 - a. Window cleaning
 - b. Fertilize lawn
 - c. Clean-up Day on May 11
 - d. Remodel media center in sanctuary
 - e. Boulevard sign needs updating, did not replace last year due to budget concerns.
 - f. Merry-Go-Round donation of concrete edging around church
 - g. Flower planting
 - h. Suggestion for pancake breakfast for “Church Beautification”
 - i. Long range planning for Real Property Management
2. Congregational Nurturing – Brian Johnson reviewed the following groups
 - a. Book Club
 - b. All church events
 - c. Coffee Hour
 - d. Faith & Care
 - e. Helping Hands, Spring Fling is coming up on May 19th

“Great things are being done by great people!”

Old Business:

1. Kylie Blanchard - Youth Program Update
 - a. Youth Ed gathering, May 6th. Shared ideas of activities for youth and different age groups.
 - b. Parent involvement is important and a necessity.
 - c. Activities will begin this summer.
2. Ken Will – Stewardship
 - a. Invites are being made to participate in a Stewardship Planning event.
 - b. New direction for year-round stewardship.
 - c. Estate planning seminar being planned.

New Business:

1. Robin Johnson’s request for \$20 to attend a continuing ed course was Unanimously APPROVED.
2. Discussed some improvements for Janie Hague’s office in June.

Next Meeting: June 12th, 6:30pm

President Tom adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

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