

Church Council Minutes, April 10th, 2017

Members Present: Pastor Beth, Donita Korpela, Dave Eller, Zach Langhorst, Marie Nybloom, Caleb Anderson

Opening Prayer led by Pastor Beth

Approval of Agenda: Recommendation to remove the Discipleship Reports from the standing agenda due to inactivity of these groups. Motion to approve the agenda with the removal by Pr. Beth, Second by Donita. Agenda carries

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from March 13th, 2017 Meeting were presented. Motion to approve by Zach, Second by Dave. Motion carried

Financial Report: Financial report reviewed for Jan thru March. Review of a few bills and forms that have been in the mail for payment and/or follow through required. Financial report was accepted as reported. Motion to approve by Zach, Second by Donita, Motion carries

Pastor's Report:

- a) Holy Week planning is underway. Thursday, Friday and Sunday are all planned for Salem services. Post cards were sent out to Route 2 (rural Mahtowa area) for invitation to Easter services.
- b) End of year confirmation is May 3rd. Projects that the kids worked on are due for them and will be presented on this date.

Old Business:

- a) Council Training: There is no cost for the council training by the Synod. The Vice President of the Synod Council would complete the education. Length of the program is 20 minutes with a focused education on what the larger church does and how mission support is used. This is something we are interested and Pr. Beth can make arrangements for training to be completed on one of our regularly scheduled meetings.
- b) Salem Logo Team: A group has been put together to start working on the logo project. The team consists of Colleen, Erin, Jean, Marie, Donita and Pr. Beth. Meetings TBD.

New Business:

- a) Host Traveling Church Groups: Through ELCA Network, we could volunteer our church to host youth mission trips. We would offer a space for them to stay and clean up after. Motion to get on the list as a host site by Donita, second by Marie. Motion carries.
- b) My Neighbor Muslim: Pr. Beth has had a couple requests for more information on Islam. She has a 7 week education/study that we could offer here at Salem if interested in this topic. We could offer this on Wednesday nights after confirmation is completed. The council agrees to offer this class for community education.
- c) Camp Special Offering: Discussion on asking for a special offering at church specifically for camp scholarships. It was decided to go ahead and take a special offering for this reason this spring.
- d) Vacation Bible School (VBS): Discussion held regarding options for this summer's VBS. Covenant Park is not offering the area day camp this year. Zion, Our Saviors, Bethesda and Salem will participate this year together. It is planned one week August (TBD). Transportation will need to be arranged. Cost is split between the four churches. Commitment would be to assist with meals and snacks and host counselors.

Closing Prayer: Led by Pr. Beth

Adjourn: at 7:53pm Motion to adjourn by Zach, Second by Caleb, Motion Carried.

Next meeting: Monday, May 8th at 6:30PM