

Church Council Minutes, April 12th, 2016

Members Present: Jason Marsh, Donita Korpela, Zach Langhorst, Dave Eller, Brent Speldrich, Jeff Gilbertson, Jody Eller, Pr. John Estrem Guests Present: Jean Hendrickson, Luke Lekander

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve by Jeff, Second by Donita. Motion carried

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from March 15th, Motion to approve by Brent, Second by Dave. Motion carried

Treasurers Report: Written financial report was accepted as presented. Discussion of Thrivent Investment Deposits was held. It is recommended to remind members of the ability to designate donations from Thrivent Investments for Salem to be placed in the next Newsletter. Mitch Haber is the Carlton County Thrivent representative. Motion to accept the financial report as presented by Brent, 2nd by Zach, Motion carried

Old Business:

- a) Insurance: All documents were submitted to change to Northstar Insurance starting May 1st, 2016

New Business:

- a) Church Directory: Jean presented to council an update on the Church Directory. A request has been made to cover the initial cost of printing and notebooks until reimbursement is collected from each member who has ordered a copy. Cost is \$17 per directory. Motion for Salem to cover initial cost with reimbursement later from each member by Brent, 2nd by Jeff. Motion carried.
- b) Bible Distribution: Jean discussed if bibles are needed to distribute to the Sunday School kids that have not received one in the past. We will place a notice to those that need bibles to let Jean, Angie or council members know in the next newsletter.
- c) Rental Agreement/Update: Luke gave an update on events that have went on this last month. It was a very busy month with volunteering for the Youth Easter Egging fundraiser. There were 20 hours put in towards this event and 160 miles driven for the egging.
- d) Youth Group Trip for those that have dropped: Discussion held of what to do with the donated money that has been paid for 2 Salem Youth that have dropped from the Mission Trip commitment. Motion to divide the \$300 down payment amongst the remaining 8 Salem Students by Zack, Second by Dave. Motion Carried.
- e) Parsonage Discussion:
 - I. Tax Exempt Status: There has been a request for paperwork to be completed to retain tax exempt status due to the Rental Arrangements. The Parsonage is not currently being considered rented at this time per agreement for seminary student. Jason will complete this paperwork when it is delivered.
 - II. Contract: Discussion on the Parsonage contract was held regarding amendment to the contract for allowing the current tenants to continue with current arrangement until seminary schooling is completed. Motion to amend the contract was offered with a tie vote at this time. Motion does not pass at this time. Continued discussion will be held at next meeting.
- f) Hootenanny Update: Trying to see if there is interest in the neighboring church communities for assisting with the hootenanny. Asking Elim for desserts, Mahtowa Covenant for kids' games. Also thinking of asking vendors to be there and charge a small vendor fee. Date is July 9th and the bands are set. Sponsors are being requested this year to assist with costs as well.

Adjourn the meeting at 8:35PM, Motion to adjourn by Dave, 2nd by Brent

Next meeting will be held Tuesday, May 10th at 6:30pm.