

Salem Lutheran Church 2702 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Mahtowa, MN 55707

Church Council Minutes, August 10th, 2015

Members Present: Jeff Gilbertson, Jason Marsh, Donita Korpela, Zach Langhorst, Erin Langhorst, Brent Speldrich, Caleb Anderson

Guest: Jody Eller, Luke Lekander, Pastor John Enstrom

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Zach, Second by Jeff

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from July 14th, Motion to approve by Caleb, Second by Zach. Motion carried

Treasurers Report: Treasury report given by Jody Eller. Brent and Jody are going to figure out the donations for the roof and funds received currently. Motion to accept as presented by Caleb, Second by Jeff, Motion carried.

Discipleship Reports:

- a) Worship- August 23<sup>rd</sup> will be service outside. Jim will be preaching this date. Fall worship calendar is complete up to October. Plan on holding off for the congregational photo until Rally Sunday, September 20th. Donita will contact Danny Lingle to see if he could take a photo so all members can be present in the photo.
- b) Luke will be attending the Kettle River Conference. Pr. John stated that Salem was the host for this conference this year. He will take care of this item and recommended the use of Salem Mahtowa Hall if needed.
- c) Property- There was a freezer donated to the Salem Mahtowa Hall. It will be planned on delivery next Saturday.

Old Business:

- a) Lease Agreement- Luke was present to review lease agreement for the parsonage. Utilities are now in the Lekanders name and go directly to them. Lease was reviewed with the changes in verbiage to state the lease is renewable up to 48 months, change wording to indicate the utilities are going directly to tenants, and change the wording for referrals to be directed to the most appropriate person. Improvements have been completed this past year to windows and within the kitchen. Brent will type of corrections and forward to Jason for signatures for the lease. Motion by Donita, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff, motion carried.
- b) Church Insurance- Attempts to lower church insurance is still in progress. Current insurance covers 90% of appraised value of the Salem Mahtowa Hall and all buildings. \$1000 deductible. We could drop the charge if we increase the deductible. Jason is continuing to work with insurance providers.
- c) Transition Team- Members have come forward that are interested in being part of the Transition team. (Kristine H, Chuck P, Steph M, Jean H, Angie K) Goal was for up to ten participants for this

committee. Would like to see a couple of gentlemen with Salem History added to the group. Jason will approach a couple other gentlemen for their interest. Donita will join the group as the liaison between council and this committee. She will arrange the first meeting. Jason will get the packet to get started. The goal is to complete this within the next couple of weeks.

- d) Parla Bell- Jeff and Jean will start to work on the next Parla Bell. Things to be include in this include the Transition Team Process and Sunday School Rally Day.

#### New Business:

- a) Hoots proposal- The Hoots have been very beneficial in funding the renovations for Salem Mahtowa Hall over the last year. The commitment and costs of travel expenses is beginning to be very large. On average there are 3-4 vehicles and the trailer being brought to all events that are taking place and many of those events are longer distances. An opportunity came forward in which the Hoots could purchase a small bus for a very reasonable price. Salem would own the bus and this would allow for the bus to be used for youth or church events as well as the Hoots events. The driver would be required to hold an appropriate license to drive for any of these events though. The Hoots Mission has accomplished a lot for Salem and is encouraged to continue on. Discussion with Salem for the longevity of the band will occur with the congregation. It is recognized that the timing of this request is not ideal. It is noted that a large part of being able to purchase this bus is dedicated to the generous donation that Joe Krog made through the RV. This RV was sold and the money will be put towards the bus purchase. The purchase and insurance will be covered by the Hoots funding and Salem will not need to provide any money for the purchase. Motion to approve by Caleb/ 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff. Motion carried.
- b) Holy Moly- Angie K was instrumental in the Sunday School program last year. She reviewed the material that is needed for Holy Moly to continue in September. September 20th will be the Sunday School Rally day. The cost of supplies for the first half of the school year will be approximately \$120 for 20 kids. Discussion on the how we can offer music to the program was held. Motion to purchase all materials required for the curriculum was by Jason, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Erin, Motion carried. Motion to purchase any other supplies for craft/writing utensils/ ect. Up to \$100 by Brent, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Zach, Motion carried. Donita will contact Angie.
- c) Confirmation- The Methodist church in Barnum contacted Jason regarding doing the joint confirmation interest. Salem decided to continue with Elim jointly if they are interested and keep it in Mahtowa. Pr. John will talk with Elim's new pastor to jointly teach confirmation classes. Bethesda had joined youth group last year and we may also include them if they would be interested in coming to Mahtowa. Dates will work best on Wednesdays for Pr. John.
- d) Salem has the request to think about a proposal for assisting the Welcome Home Project. There was printing equipment donated to this group and they would like Salem to think about designating a room at the Salem Mahtowa Hall to provide space for a print shop. Salem would gain a percentage of sales for rental of this space. Chad will come to a future meeting to have open discussion of what would be proposed. All area churches are working with this project as well. They do have their own board and will continue to present ideas for funding and sustaining their project for the future. This was a discussion item at this time only.

#### Strategic & Future Planning-

- a) A couple of ideas that it is felt may need a committee for direction include Salem Mahtowa Hall Event Planning and Kitchen outfitting. It was decided that the kitchen outfitting will be run through the building committee. Caleb will head up a programming committee.
- b) Brent was approached to have a permanent Rental of one room from the Soil and Water of County, Brent asked for proposal if there is interest.

Adjourn the meeting at 9:08PM, Motion to adjourn by Caleb, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Erin

Next meeting will be held Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.