Salem Lutheran Church 2702 1st Street, Mahtowa, MN 55707

Church Council Minutes, August 16th 2016

Members Present: Jason Marsh, Donita Korpela, Zach Langhorst, Dave Eller, Caleb Anderson, Brent Speldrich, Jeff Gilbertson, Jody Eller Guests Present: Joey Krog

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from July 5th Meeting were presented. Motion to approve by Jeff, Second by Brent. Motion carried

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve by Caleb, Second by Brent. Agenda carries

Treasurers Report: Financial report presented by Jody Eller. Written financial report to be accepted as presented Motion by Brent, Second by Zach, Motion carried.

Old Business:

- a) Joey Krog fundraising request: Joey presented to the council the background and request for Salem to assist in fundraising to assist in his out of pocket costs of a van that he has to purchase that is wheelchair accessible. A goal for fundraising would be for 10% of the out of pocket cost (approximately \$3,500). Many options for fundraising ideas were discussed. Joe to contact people for a committee that would be willing to plan. Dave will contact Thrivent for grants for fundraising for this type of an event as well. Joey stated that his sister-in-law has a quilt that could be used for a raffle.
- b) Work plan for Parsonage: Thank You to Dave for working continually on the parsonage house. There have been a lot of others involved on this as well, thank you to all. Cleaning will be completed this week. All windows are replaced and the last one will be completed this week. The women's group is cleaning on Wednesday and they will have a list of unfinished tasks for Friday completion. Youth group and others available will be completing cleaning and outside clean up on Friday from 12-2PM.
- c) Pastoral Transition: Pot luck is planned for the August 28th service. Jody and Pat will send out letters to the congregation members as a reminder. September 11th will be Pr. Beth's Installation and Rally Sunday and pot luck after service. Advertising for this event will be placed in the local papers, website and Facebook. Chuck to update Salem's sign. A welcome basket was put together by the Soul Sisters. Pr. Beth will be meeting with Pat on Tuesday to review the Go-to people of the church.

New Business:

- a) Ted Talk idea: Discussion on the option of providing an adult program with a meal once a month was brought forward. The idea of having it in the form of a "Ted Talk" that would be available. More discussion will be coming forward on this for the future.
- b) Recycling Bins: there have been recycling bins donated to the church and the hall by a member. Thank you!
- c) Youth classes: The fall is here and the start of youth classes is coming soon. Donita will coordinate a meeting to discuss Sunday School, Confirmation and Youth group to make sure we have plans for curriculum and dates planned.
- d) Meatball supper is planned to take place October 22nd

Strategic & Future Planning: Discussion held on the documents of the last strategic planning session that was held for Salem. Donita will send Caleb the documents that she has.

Building Committee Planning:

- a) Need for a second hot water heater for the Hall. Motion to purchase by Brent, second by Jason. Motion Carried.
- b) The church driveway and parsonage driveway are in need of Class 5 gravel. Motion to purchase gravel for driveways by Jason, second by Zach. Motion carried. Chuck is going to bid out for tar to be placed on the driveway and parking lot by the Hall, he will bring forward this cost to a future meeting.

Adjourn: at 8:25pm Motion to adjourn by Jeff, Second by Brent, Motion Carried.

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 13^{th} at 6:30 pm.