

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

Church Council Minutes, December 8th, 2015

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

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Erin, Second by Donita. Motion carried

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from November 10th, Motion to approve by Caleb, Second by Zach. Motion carried

Treasurers Report: Jody presented the financial report for November Year to date. Discussion on the Salem Hall Payment that is due. Agreed to pay the budgeted amount and then put a call out for any other groups that would like to donate funds towards the Salem Hall principle.

Financial report was accepted as presented. Motion by Zach, 2nd by Brent, Motion carried.

Discipleship Reports:

- a) Ministry Site Profile: Review of the financial information for the profile was held. Decision was to wait until January to submit and utilize the 2015 financials.
- b) Request to invite Pr. John and Luke to our monthly council meetings for a pulpit supply report.

Old Business:

- a) Men's Group request for projecting worship during Sunday Services: Discussion was held regarding current equipment and needs for the projector. It is felt that we need a laptop and utilize our current projector. The need for an I-pad purchase due to the request for the ability to use the "Square". This will increase income for Salem as well. Motion to request the men's group purchase an I-Pad and Laptop for the church, Made by Brent, 2nd by Zach, Motion Carried
- b) Feedback regarding the decision to table the sponsorship of youth for the mission trip was discussed. There was no budgeted money for any mission and/or youth for 2015. Request to invite Donna L. to the January council meeting for more information on the mission trip and fundraising request. Salem has 10 students and the request is for \$150 per student to participate.

New Business:

- a) Call committee structure: Sue G., Jean H., Rachel N, Caleb A, Zach L, Barry L, and Kay H. will make up the call committee. First meeting will be called in January 2016.
- b) 2016 Budget: Budget guidelines were reviewed for 2016 budget. Proposed 2016 Budget was established. Motion to purchase a \$200 Visa Debit card for Salem maintenance needs. Motion by Caleb, 2nd by Brent, Motion carried
- c) Council positions 2016-17: Erin will be at her 4 year term and this position will need to be replaced with a new member. Caleb will be at his 2 year term and can be reappointed for another term, he is agreeable to re-appointment.
- d) Congregational Meeting: The annual meeting will take place January 24th after service.

- e) Money request for costumes for the Salem Play was made. \$100 is requested, Motion by Erin to take the requested amount out of the COW Cash, 2nd by Jeff. Motion carried.
- f) Strategic & Future Planning: Need for a hot water heater for Salem Mahtowa Hall \$500 and additional circuits for power \$100 was requested. Motion to purchase these items by Donita, 2nd by Erin, Motion carried.

Adjourn the meeting at 9:10PM, Motion to adjourn by Erin, 2nd by Jason

Next meeting will be held Wednesday, January 13th at 6:30pm.