

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

Church Council Minutes, February 16th, 2016

Members Present: Jason Marsh, Donita Korpela, Zach Langhorst, Dave Eller, Caleb Anderson, Brent Speldrich, Pr. John Estrem

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve by Zach, Second by Caleb. Motion carried

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from January 13th, Motion to approve by Caleb, Second by Brent. Motion carried

Approval of 2016 Annual Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve by Brent, Second by Zach. Motion Carried

Treasurers Report: Written financial report was accepted as presented. Motion by Zach, 2nd by Donita, Motion carried

Old Business:

- a) Insurance: Woodland quote allows for a savings of \$700 per year. Church Mutual is our current carrier and request is made to see what this quote would be if we raised the deductible and adjusted the building coverage amounts. Decision to be made at the March Council meeting.

New Business:

- a) Signer for bank accounts: The authorized bank account signers need to be updated to current members. The council appointed the member that holds the council president position should be one of the signers and the future Pastor will be the other one. Jason will be one signer and Donita will be the second signer for now. Motion by Brent, Second by Dave, Motion Carried
- b) Budget for Call Committee: Recommendation from the synod that the call committee has a set budget for the call process. This is for expenses such as moving expenses, interviewing, travel and other expenses occurred for the call process. Motion to cover call process costs by Donita, Second by Brent, Motion carried
- c) Building Committee Update: Square footage to replace the carpet in the Pastor's office and throughout the fellowship hall has been provided. Other replacements in this area include paint and light fixtures. This space will be completed prior to any further work on the Salem Mahtowa Hall. Window replacement has been ordered for the Salem Mahtowa Hall, no date for delivery yet. Motion to purchase supplies and carpet for approximately \$1500 by Jason, second by Zach, Motion carried
- d) Synod Assembly Meeting: Currently no members have been able to attend the Synod meeting. Recommended to open the call back up for others interested in attending the Synod Assembly meeting.
- e) Video System: Overhead projector works with the tablet. The need is for a computer and/or tablet. Brent will purchase the tablet/computer and get this set up. Cost will be covered by the Men's Group.

- f) New Hammond Organ: A small group of people have looked at the purchase of a Hammond organ; this will replace our current organ. This organ has the capability to be used for all Sundays and has a very good sound in comparison to the current organ. The funding will be through donations at this time for this purchase
- g) Service Log: Discussion was held regarding the agreement and documentation of a service log presented at each council meeting. Recommend an invite be extended to the Tenants of the Parsonage for an update monthly at council meetings on the services provided to Salem. This can be either direct communication and/or a service log to update the council monthly.
- h) Easter Breakfast: Palm Sunday will have a free will offering for Derek and Kristy Johnson and their family to do a mission to Papua, New Guinea. Announcement will go out on Sunday. There will be no Easter Breakfast this year. Egg Hunt will still be provided.

Adjourn the meeting at 8:00PM, Motion to adjourn by Caleb, 2nd by Dave

Next meeting will be held Tuesday, March 8th at 6:30pm.