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

Church Council Minutes, February 21, 2017

Members Present: Pastor Beth, Donita Korpela, Dave Eller, Brent Speldrich, Zach Langhorst

Opening Prayer led by Pr. Beth Pottratz

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

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from January 10th Meeting were presented. Motion to approve by Brent, Second by

Dave. Motion carried

Treasurers Report: No report submitted this month.

Pastor's Report:

- a) Lent will be starting March 1st, Shared services with Elim every other week.
- b) Easter will be April 16th, Pr. Beth will send out postcards for our Easter service for outreach
- c) Pr. Beth is assisting in Prison ministry this month.
- d) Book fairs are going to be offered to Salem from Augsburg and Spark and then Salem will get to keep the sample books that are sent and people can purchase books from them during this time. This will help build our book references. This will occur during March.
- e) Discussion on WiFi and the signal strength in the Salem Hall. Looking at options that are available such as routers and cost of them.

Old Business:

- a) Hall Sign. Carried over to next month
- b) Salem Logo Team: Pr. Beth recommends having a Logo that would be a good representation of what Salem is all about (not just a brick building). Carried over to next month

New Business:

- a) Thank You cards will be sent out to Jason for his commitment on the Salem Council and Estrem family for their generous donations.
- b) Meeting day/time 2017: Second Monday each month at 6:30PM
- c) Elect President/Vice President: Motion for Caleb Anderson for President by Zach, Second by Brent. Motion for Jeff Gilbertson for Vice President by Brent, Second by Dave. Motion carried.
- d) Choose council Installation date: March 12th
- e) Future building projects and funding: Cost of the second classroom in the Hall would cost estimated \$9,000 to \$10,000. The second side of the church will be completed this spring and roof will be fund raised for. Another priority for the Hall would be to get a second bathroom that is handicapped accessible.
- f) Hall Payment: clarification for what fund the Hall Payment was taken out of for last year.
- g) Sound System: Request from a member for a sound system that would be able to project into a personal device for amplification to assist for those that are hard of hearing. (Hearing Loop system that connects into the T-coil on most hearing aides) Pr. Beth has a few suggestions from other organizations that they use. Pr. Beth will talk with Doug and Luke about this as well.

Adjourn: at 8:00pm Motion to adjourn by Donita, Second by Zach, Motion Carried.

Next meeting: Monday, March 12th at 6:30pm.