

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

Church Council Minutes, January 13th, 2016

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

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from December 8th, Motion to approve by Caleb, Second by Jeff. Motion carried

Treasurers Report: Jody presented the financial report for 2015 Jan-December. 2015 ended with a positive balance. Financial report was accepted as presented. Motion by Caleb, 2nd by Zach, Motion carried.

Old Business:

- a) 2016 Budget Approval: Discussion regarding Mission of Salem and funding towards this mission was held. After discussion regarding a request from Youth Group for the upcoming mission trip, it was proposed to amend the 2016 Budget with adding money towards the Youth Group Mission request of \$1,050. Motion to accept the amended 2016 Budget by Jason, 2nd by Caleb, Motion Carried.
 - o Discussion held regarding Hoots Concert to go towards a donation to the Synod Benevolence in the future, to allow for increased participation and giving towards the Synod.
- b) Approval of the Ministry Site Profile: Salem's profile is completed and ready to submit to the ELCA site. Motion to accept the Ministry Site Profile as completed by Caleb, 2nd by Jeff. Motion carried.
- c) Call Committee: Rachel Nelson is appointed the chair person of the call committee. A meeting is set on January 26th with the call committee and Brenda Tibbits, from the Synod. The council members are all invited to this meeting. She will share the next steps in our call process.
- d) Insurance: Jason looked into options to decrease our insurance costs. Opportunities will be brought forward when more information is obtained.

New Business:

- a) Soul Sisters updates
 - a. Soul sisters cleaned the Pastor's office space. They would like to request an update to this office space of Carpet, desk, painting, lamp and the windows also need to be updated. They will work with the building committee on this project as they move forward. Funding will be done by the Soul Sisters for a portion of this project
 - b. Project that will be worked on next will be a Salem Directory. Council approves of this project.
- b) Lent Services: Request has been made that when Salem provides the meal for Lent Services, that we hold these services at Salem and not Elim. Discussion to possibly hold them at the

Salem Mahtowa Hall. Jason will contact Pastor Becky to see if Elim would be agreeable to this change.

- c) Pulpit supply: Pr. John would request input on the Hymn of the day for Sundays, otherwise all is going well.
- d) Website contacts: Brooke updated the Website for Salem and the Hoots. Chuck and Pr. John are noted to be the contacts listed on the website.

Adjourn the meeting at 9:00PM, Motion to adjourn by Caleb, 2nd by Erin

Next meeting will be held Tuesday, February 9th at 6:30pm.