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

Church Council Minutes, June 21st 2016

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

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

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from May 10th, May 17th Special meeting and June 12th Special Meeting. Motion to approve by Brent, Second by Caleb. Motion carried

Treasurers Report: Written financial report was accepted as presented. Motion to accept the financial report as presented by Zach, 2nd by Jeff, Motion carried

Discipleship Reports:

a) Parsonage Walk through: A walk through was completed and from the building committee perspective there is a lot of work to be completed before the parsonage house is considered livable. This will take a lot of time. Walls are painted; carpet is in the bedroom and stairway. Front entry is hardwood floor. Living room needs to be stripped and refinished. Kitchen electrical is up to code and add on box was placed. Need new LP stove, washer and dryer in the basement need to be replaced. Hot water heater has been replaced. Pressure tank is new and in the basement that needs to be installed. Furnace and ductwork is good. Basement needs to be cleaned well. Need a dehumidifier for the basement. Front door doesn't latch. Window trim needs to be completed and still some window replacements are needed in the upstairs. It is requested by the building committee that we get a quote on what it will take to complete the structural updates for the house from a couple contractors. Council would like to complete a walkthrough July 5th to get a better idea on the needs and commitment it will take to complete the project.

The roof on the Salem Mahtowa Hall is going to be completed and the cost will be approximately \$1000. This is what is causing the leaking on the roof on the North side of the roof.

b) Hootenanny: Total sponsorships is approximately \$800-\$900, the sponsorship has gone very well.

Old Business:

a) Prep for Pastor Beth: Jason contacted the Synod to inform them that we are proceeding with accepting the call for Pastor Beth. Ordination is Friday, August 5th in the cities. Installation here at Salem will be later in August then. Donita will check with Rachel if she has the packet with the forms that need to be completed for this process.

New Business:

- a) Donna is present to present update of the parsonage agreement. Luke is at seminary and it is going well. Youth group fundraising is going well with only \$500 left to fundraise for the mission trip. Movies in the park started, around 29 people attended. Mission trip leaves on July 23rd, 14 total people attending. There will be a video slide show after the mission trip presented. There is a concern regarding space and expenses for youth group next year. These will be for food, supplies and trips as kids are unable to pay at times. There have been problems with the youth group not having consistent space and have done them at the parsonage house. Move is planned for July 3rd to be moved out of the parsonage house. The list and walk through has been handed off to Brent this last week.
- b) Electrical work at parsonage: Electrical inspection was closed out. This was for a service panel added and replacements for the outlets throughout the kitchen and dining space. The bill was forwarded to Caleb. Motion to approve paying this bill by Caleb, Second by Jeff. Motion carried.

- c) Joey in the VA, handicap van help: VA will pay for half of a van for Joey. He is in need of assistance for funding for as much as the church could offer to go towards a van. Some ideas for funding could potentially be a free will donation and/or donation from the hootenanny.
- d) Council Retreat: It has been proposed to have a get together at Jason Marsh's home sometime in August.
- e) Bike-A-Thon: Requested to understand who the contact is for the MS Bike-A-Thon and want them to communicate with the church the use and know what the expectations are of the clean up. Brent will contact the planning team of the MS Bike-A-Thon for information.
- f) Thrivent will donate towards food and paper products for fundraisers and benefits as an option. Mitch will come and talk with the council after Pastor Beth has started.

Adjourn the meeting at 8:36 PM, Motion to adjourn by Caleb, 2nd by Zach

Next meeting will be held Tuesday, July 5th at 6:30pm.