

Church Council Minutes, March 13, 2017

Members Present: Pastor Beth, Donita Korpela, Dave Eller, Brent Speldrich, Zach Langhorst, Marie Nybloom, Caleb Anderson, Jeff Gilbertson

Opening Prayer led by Brent and Jeff

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve by Jeff, Second by Dave. Agenda carries

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from February 21st Meeting were presented. Motion to approve by Brent, Second by Jeff. Motion carried

Treasurers Report: January financial report was reported by Pr. Beth. Financial report was accepted as reported. Motion to approve by Jeff, Second by Dave, Motion carries

Pastor's Report:

- a) Lent is going on each week and going well. Feedback has been positive.
- b) Laura Anderson is presenting at the Men's club to present her experiences in Bethlehem as she lived over there. She is the youth minister in Cloquet.
- c) Confirmation is attending worship instead of class during Lent and they have projects to work on as well. Eighth graders are asked to make a faith statement. Seventh graders are answering a couple faith questions to answer and an art project to be presented.
- d) Parla Bell looks great and appreciated

Old Business:

- a) Hall Sign: Still is a need to have a sign placed up to identify Salem Mahtowa Hall
- b) Salem Logo Team: Idea to have a committee interested in creating a Salem Logo and/or signage. Place the offer out to congregation for a committee of 3-5 people to work on.
- c) Council Installation: Date of Installation will be March 18th, 2017 during church service
- d) Ask Thank Tell: A book that Pr. Beth has requested the council to read. To help guide the congregation in stewardship.
- e) Council Training: Pr. Beth can contact the trainer for more information on cost, time commitment, ect. She will email out the details for council to review. If training is requested, then we can plan that soon.

New Business:

- a) Hall Cleaning: Needs for cleaning would be to purchase a couple good vacuums. Cost should be around \$500. Motion to purchase these vacuum cleaners for the Hall and the Church made by Caleb, Second by Dave. Motion carries
- b) Property Clean Up Day: There is a need to set up a day in which a group can clean up the yards this spring. Plan to organize this in May.
- c) Church Roof Funding: Funding will be done the same method as last year. Brent will put together a donation form for purchasing a square of roofing.
- d) ADA Hall Bathroom Project: Funding idea could be the same idea as the church roof. Brent will put together a donation form for this as well. The need for an ADA accessible bathroom is needed for community events.
- e) Worship committee & Holy Week/Easter Planning: Pr. Beth would like to recommend a worship committee develop to plan the upcoming Holy Week and Easter Services. Concerns were discussed on unfamiliarity of the music selection to the congregation and how we can assist in this. If we put together a worship committee that would meet once a month or six weeks to assist with the planning of a church season and recommendations for types of services (healing service, blessing of animals service, ect). Pr. Beth will email out the request for committee members to volunteer if interested.

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

Next meeting: Monday, April 10th at 6:30pm.