

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

Church Council Minutes, March 15th, 2016

Members Present: Jason Marsh, Donita Korpela, Zach Langhorst, Dave Eller, Caleb Anderson, Brent Speldrich, Jeff Gilbertson, Pr. John Estrem Guests Present: Jean Hendrickson, Luke and Donna Lekander

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

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from February 16th, Motion to approve by Caleb, Second by Brent. Motion carried

Treasurers Report: Written financial report was accepted as presented. Discussion of organ fundraising held, what funds come in from the sale of the piano/organ go back to Soul Sisters as they covered the balance for funding. Motion by Caleb, 2nd by Jeff, Motion carried

Old Business:

- a) Insurance: Northstar Insurance came in with new rates March 1st, 2016. Quote came in less than the Church Mutual Insurance (current). Motion to increase the church building coverage to \$500,000, Salem Mahtowa Hall to \$200,000 and Parsonage to \$50,000 by Brent, Second by Zach, Motion Carried. Jason will have the insurance switched over

New Business:

- a) Church Directory: Jean presented to council putting together a Church Directory and discussed the cost of printing and supplies needed. Discussion regarding an on-line version vs. printed copies as well. Cost of the printed versions could be covered by donations. Plan is to continue to move forward with pictures as planned. Current members will take the pictures and continue to review options for printing.
- b) Rental Agreement/Update: Luke and Donna Lekander were present at the meeting to communicate with the council the rental agreement. The agreement stated home improvements will be covered by the renters up to \$3000. The Lekanders have currently had \$9,000 in repairs for the home. Further discussion held on updating the council on things that are being completed by the Lekanders on a monthly basis and these can be verbally at council meetings.
- c) Summer day camp: VLM has requested the option of coming to Salem to put on a day camp between Salem, Elim and Bethesda congregations. Salem participates in the Covenant Park Day camp each year. Motion to continue participating in the local Covenant Park Bible camp by Zack, Second by Jeff. Motion Carried.
- d) Hootenanny: Planning is in progress for the Mahtowa Hootenanny. Question to council as to concept of having a beer tent for the hootenanny. Council unanimously votes "no".

Adjourn the meeting at 9:45PM, Motion to adjourn by Caleb, 2nd by Zach

Next meeting will be held Tuesday, April 12th at 6:30pm.