

Church Council Minutes, May 10, 2016

Members Present: Jason Marsh, Donita Korpela, Zach Langhorst, Dave Eller, Caleb Anderson, Brent Speldrich, Jeff Gilbertson, Jody Eller, Pr. John Estrem Guests Present: Rachel Nelson, Luke Lekander

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve by Donita, Second by Caleb. Motion carried

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from April 12th, Motion to approve by Caleb, Second by Dave. Motion carried

Treasurers Report: Written financial report was accepted as presented. Capital expenditures from Jan 2015 reviewed for renovations to the Salem Mahtowa Hall, all the designated money has been spent at this time. Motion to accept the financial report as presented by Jeff, 2nd by Brent, Motion carried

Old Business:

- a) Insurance: Current insurance is paid through May 2016. Jason will stop in tomorrow for a starting date for Northstar Mutual Insurance to get payment.
- b) Parsonage Discussion:
 - o Tax Exempt Status: Paperwork will be completed to apply for the tax exempt status for the parsonage house. Jason will complete this item this week.
 - o Contract: Carry over conversation from last month regarding amendment of the contract. Recommendation to wait until after first meeting with upcoming pastoral candidate for a vote.
- c) Building Committee Update: Classroom is completed at this time. Bathroom is started and we will try to move forward with the handicap bathroom in the near future. Church roof has potential of a fall 2016 date for re-roofing.

New Business:

- a) Call Committee Update: Recommendation was forwarded for the candidate of choice, Elizabeth Pottratz. Interviews have been completed and on site visit to hear her preach. She comes with good references, organized, feels Salem has a great asset with the Salem Mahtowa Hall. As the call committee chair, Motion has been made for the council to move forward with Elizabeth Pottratz as Salem's Candidate of Choice. Motion made to accept the recommendation from the call committee by Caleb. Motion 2nd by Zach, Motion Carried. Next Steps: Council will set up date to meet with the candidate of choice and discuss compensation. Then council sets up a meet and greet with the congregation, letters will be sent to all Salem congregation for the meet and greet and congregational vote dates/times. The congregation will then vote on the recommendation from the call committee/council for final approval. Jason to contact candidate to set up a date to meet with the council preferably next week.
- b) EPIC: Request from Donna Lekander to join the EPIC program in which those that attend a Lutheran College have the opportunity for any scholarships from the church could be matched by the college. There is no interest at this time to join the EPIC group.
- c) Confirmation Gifts: Ordered and will have by Confirmation Sunday. Cake and Flowers are ordered.

Adjourn the meeting at 8:50PM, Motion to adjourn by Zach, 2nd by Caleb

Next meeting will be held Tuesday, June 14th at 6:30pm.