

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

Church Council Minutes, November 10th, 2015

Members Present: Jason Marsh, Donita Korpela, Zach Langhorst, Erin Langhorst, Jeff Gilbertson, Caleb Anderson, Pastor John, Jody Eller

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Zach, Second by Erin. Motion carried

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from October 14th, Motion to approve by Caleb, Second by Jeff. Motion carried

Treasurers Report: Jody presented the financial report for October and Year to date. Insurance will be increasing now and for the next year. Jason will revisit the insurance options once again due to the cost increases. Bills that were in question include a SAMS club credit card and Invoices for confirmation supplies. Contact was made to Pr. Noah to cancel the credit card as he is the only one that can cancel this. Confirmation supplies are approved for \$500-\$600 at the last meeting. Pre-confirmation supplies were not taken into consideration at that time. Financial data will be posted for congregation to review where we are year to date. YTD envelope giving is down \$10,000 from 2014. Financial report was accepted as presented.

Discipleship Reports:

- a) Transition Team: Transition team is completed with their task. Donita will input the data into the state site. Need to adjust our data to show our actual membership age breakdown instead of using community statistics. Donita will complete that task.
Discussion was held regarding what Salem can put into their profile the wages/benefit package to offer. Recommendations were reviewed from the synod guidelines.

Old Business:

- a) Rental Agreement: This is completed and signed.
- b) Salem Hall Kitchen purchases have been completed with the allowed funding. There is still a list of needs for the kitchen to be functional independently.

New Business:

- a) Mens Club Request: Mens club would like to purchase a projector to be able to put up the words and songs to follow along to during service. They have \$800 to accomplish this. Currently Salem has a projector, question whether we need a new one or if the purchase of a computer that will stay hooked up would work. Salem will need to put a call out to see if there is any interest in primary contact to be in charge of the IT for Salem.
- b) Call committee structure: We have a start to a list of volunteers for the call committee. We will keep it open at this time for any others to come forward. Announcement will be made at church service. Goal to have call committee established by January 2016. Motion to extend the call committee membership made by Caleb, 2nd by Donita, Motion carried.

- c) Sponsorship for youth on mission trip: The request has been made from the youth group for Salem to sponsor \$150 per student attending the mission trip this summer. Discussion was held and item was tabled.

Adjourn the meeting at 8:44PM, Motion to adjourn by Jeff, 2nd by Erin

Next meeting will be held Tuesday, December 8th at 6:30pm.