

Church Council Minutes, September 13, 2016 2016

Members Present: Jason Marsh, Donita Korpela, Zach Langhorst, Dave Eller, Caleb Anderson, Brent Speldrich, Jody Eller
Guests Present: Joey Krog, Jean Hendrickson

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from August 16th Meeting were presented. Motion to approve by Caleb, Second by Dave. Motion carried

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve by Caleb, Second by Brent. Agenda carries

Treasurers Report: Financial report presented by Jody Eller. Written financial report to be accepted as presented. There has been an increase in giving since the start of Pr. Beth. Start discussion for ideas on Capital Improvements for 2017. Motion by Zach, Second by Donita, Motion carried.

Pastor's Report:

- a) Sunday School : Curriculum is established, Angie Korpela will lead, music will be in the last 15 minutes Jeff, Caleb and Zach will assist with music.
- b) Confirmation: Curriculum is established, Pr. Beth will order. Total of 18 youth this year.
- c) Youth Group: Donna will lead. Would like to assist with the local camp youth group at Covenant Park Camp this year as a mission idea.
- d) Conference meeting for Kettle River was attended by Pr. Beth and she will attend the Ecumenical meeting in Moose Lake as well.
- e) Healing Service: October 8th is planned for this.
- f) Men's Club and Soul Sisters: Pr. Beth is attending the men's club,
- g) Visits: Has been attending 18 one-on-one and one hospital visit.
- h) Immigration and Refugee Task force, Hunger task force, Honduran Sister Synod Relationship, and volunteering for El Salvador group visit to be an interpreter. These are all ways in which Pr. Beth has committed her time for the Synod.
- i) ELCA Church wide assembly key actions were presented as informational at what goes on in the larger church. This is a topic for possibility of future education to the congregation of what is the ELCA doing internationally as well.
- j) Fall Theological Conference NEMN is required for first call pastors. Sept 25-27th are the dates. Topic: Faith and Firearms
- k) Holiday services: Discussion held on Lent services. Consensus on sharing the services with Elim every other week. Pr. Beth will ask Elim the interest. Thanksgiving service will be planned for Wed. of that week. Possibly community church service. No interest in Advent services. Ash Wednesday service should be held at Salem this year. Christmas Eve service will establish a time at a later date. Good Friday service has been a community/ Ecumenical service.
- l) Office hours are flexible. Call ahead and make sure she is around and available most of the time if needed. Days off will typically be Friday/Saturday but are subject to change.

Discipleship Report:

- a) Prayer led by Pr. Beth

Old Business:

- a) Joey Krog fundraising request: Joe's sister –in-law and Soul Sisters will assist in the planning of a fundraiser. Tentatively set for December 3rd 4:00pm til 7:00pm. Thrivent will donate \$250 for grant towards food and advertising your event. Caleb will work on posters. Dave will contact the Thrivent.

New Business:

- a) Piano Tuning: Jean will contact a piano tuner to come out and complete
- b) Internet is up and running as of today for the Parsonage. If the residential line works well for the Church and the Hall then we can cancel the Moose Tech. \$35 per month for Century Link. Need to get a router, currently using the Lekander's old router. Wifi password is currently shared and could be posted.
- c) Church sign: should we include our website on the church sign. Would like to have a type of sign that shows people what is going on here.
- d) Blacktop repair: For the driveway to patch cost will be \$4000.
- e) Parsonage Furnace: There is a need for the furnace to be replaced. Currently repairs are being done to the furnace.
- f) Projection screen during worship: Men's club want the projection for better visibility.
- g) Council training from Synod: Training is provided by the Synod and Pr. Beth will ask for training in February
- h) Fireproof safe for the church: This is a need for the church as there are documents that need to be in a safe for legal purposes.

Strategic & Future Planning:

- a) Strategic plan for 2017-19 is a preliminary agenda item for next meeting.
- b) 500th Reformation Anniversary is Oct. 31, 2017. Pr. Beth has ideas to start the celebration this October and think about ways to celebrate historical and current reformation events. Idea of "Back to the basics" for education.

Adjourn: at 9:15pm Motion to adjourn by Jeff, Second by Brent, Motion Carried.

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 11th at 6:30pm.