

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

Church Council Minutes, September 8th, 2015

Members Present: Jason Marsh, Donita Korpela, Zach Langhorst, Erin Langhorst, Brent Speldrich,

Guest: Jody Eller, Pastor John Enstrom, Chad and Gidget Lekandar

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

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from August 10th, Motion to approve by Brent, Second by Donita.
Motion carried

Treasurers Report: Treasury report given by Jody Eller. Motion to accept as presented by Brent, Second by Donita, Motion carried.

Old Business:

- a) Hoots Bus Update: The plan with Salem purchase of the bus did not go through with bank finalities. Due to a short time frame, a personal bank note was obtained. The bus is currently listed and insured under Zach and the Hoots. The Hoots will pay bank note off and will attempt to get insurance under Salem.
- b) Lease Agreement: The lease agreement was reviewed with the changes that were recommended last month. Termination Clause is 30 Days notice, recommend a log of volunteer hours to come to council each month. Add a signature line for tenants as well to the agreement. Discussion held regarding housing requirements/allowance for future incoming pastor.
- c) Transition Team: Meeting is set for September 10th at 6:00 with the Synod Representative.
- d) Confirmation: Discussion on Confirmation was held. Pr. John updated the council on the plan to complete the kids that have missed confirmation in past couple of years. Oct. 25th they will have confirmation for these students. Confirmation for 7-8th graders will then be started the first Wed. in November (4th). Tammy and Steph N. are still interested in assisting with confirmation, Pr. John will meet with any interested volunteers in October to go through expectations and program. Announcements will be made on Sunday and sign up will be started for 7-8th graders and any parent volunteers.

New Business:

- a) Welcome Home Print Shop: Chad and Gidget Lekander were welcomed to present their planning on the future of the Welcome Home Project. An overview of the Welcome Home Project was presented to deal with homeless youth in Carlton County to purchase a ranch for kids. This ranch is not feasible as of yet so host families are being set up now with the county. Printing equipment was donated to them and they are asking for a collaborative model with Salem to set up a printing business. Goal is to have the youth run the business. The proposal is to create a dual ownership with Salem. They would utilize the Salem Mahtowa Hall for the business. Request for an answer on interest from Salem to be a partner with the Welcom Home

and volunteers to start planning. Council discussion was held after the proposal was offered. Salem is not interested at this time.

Strategic & Future Planning-

- a) Salem Hall Planning Committee: Funding was donated for renovations at Salem Mahtowa Hall. There is need of equipping the kitchen so that the Meatball supper can be held there. The committee will be responsible to go ahead and purchase equipment needs for the kitchen such as dishes, coffee maker, silverware, ect. Proposal to allow the planning committee to spend \$3500 on these purchases. Motion by Jason, Second by Erin. Motion carried.

Adjourn the meeting at 8:40PM, Motion to adjourn by Brent, 2nd by Erin

Next meeting will be held Tuesday, October 13th at 6:30pm.