

Central Lutheran Church Council Meeting April 11, 2016

President Brandon Hanson declared a quorum and acknowledged two empty chairs representing the presence of Christ and the one for the stranger. President Hanson began the meeting with prayer. Council members present were: Brian Budahn, Ken Glover, Pat Hackman, Paul Johansson, Cheryl Johnson, Donelle King, Jacki Kritzeck, Cindy Novotny, Jill Pouliot, Brenda Shirley, Ed Studniski, Keith Terlinden, J. C. Thieke and Tom Tyler. Staff guests were: Pastor Ryan Braley and Sonja Knutson. Congregational guest was Bill Smith.

Business Meeting:

Tom Tyler moved approval of the agenda. Pat Hackman seconded the motion and the motion carried. Keith Terlinden moved to accept the March 14, 2016, minutes as written. J. C. Thieke seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Financial Reports: There were no changes to share in regards to the February, 2016, financial report. Jill Pouliot moved to accept the February Financial Report. Brian Budahn seconded the motion and the motion carried. Treasurer Ed Studniski walked through the March, 2016, preliminary financial report. Ed shared that Kris Geslin, Financial Administrator, projects that Little Lambs will end the year with approximately a \$27,000 deficit. They have made a lot of progress over the last several months climbing out of an approximate \$42,000 deficit.

The Preliminary 2016-2017 Mission Spending Plan was reviewed and discussed. At the Monday, May 9, Council meeting it will need to be approved so the congregation can review and approve it at the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, June 5. The council was instructed to contact Ed Studniski or Kris Geslin if they had any questions, comments or concerns about the Mission Spending Plan.

The vacant position on the Finance Committee has been filled. Bob Gunderson will be joining the Finance Committee at their May 4 meeting.

Church Council an Endowment Positions: Pat Hackman and Tom Tyler will be finishing their second terms on the Church Council and will not be eligible for reelection. Ken Glover is eligible for reelection to a second three year term. Donnelle King who completed a vacated position for one year is eligible for her first three-year term. Cheryl Johnson was appointed to finish the first year of a vacated position. Cheryl is eligible for a two-year first term.

The Endowment Committee has two members that are eligible for a second term: Jack Ellis and Jim Maas. Two other vacant positions need to be filled. Council members were encouraged to be thinking about people that could fill these vacant positions on the Church Council and the Endowment Committee.

Give like God Gives – 99 Days of Generosity: Pastor Braley shared that there approximately 252 people receiving the 99 days of generosity text message each day and people are sharing stories of generosity.

Personnel Report: Pastor Johansson reported that Rachel Pederson will begin as the Administrator on Monday, May 9. Rachel's Administrative Assistant position will need to be filled in the near future.

Property Report: Brenda Shirley reported that Norm Baty, Property Manager, is currently getting three separate bids for new carpeting in the lobby, offices and various rooms. Furniture and Things is also doing some warranty work on a few of the couches and love seats in the lobby and lounge.

Old Business: None

New Business: The Administrative Team agreed that the Administrator should continue to be the Church Council Secretary.

This being Brenda Shirley's last council meeting before she retires, each member shared something that they were thankful for during her time at Central. Jill Pouliot, on behalf of the Church Council, presented Brenda with a gift from the Council.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda J. Shirley
Council Secretary