

## **Central Lutheran Church Council Meeting July 18, 2016**

Pastor Johansson declared a quorum and acknowledged two empty chairs representing the presence of Christ and the one for the stranger. Council members present were: Brett Ahrens, Ken Glover, Brandon Hanson, Paul Johansson, Cheryl Johnson, Donelle King, Leanne Musgjerd, Cindy Novotny, Rachel Pederson, Jill Pouliot, Ed Studniski and J. C. Thieke. Council members absent: Brian Budahn, Jacki Kritzeck and Keith Terlinden.

### Business Meeting:

Brandon Hanson called the meeting to order. Donelle King moved the approval of the agenda. Jill Pouliot seconded and the motion carried.

Leanne Musgjerd moved approval of the May 9, 2016 council minutes. Cindy Novotny seconded and the motion carried.

Cindy Novotny moved approval of the June 5, 2016 council minutes. Brett Ahrens seconded and the motion carried.

Minutes from the June 5, 2016 Congregational meeting were presented, ready for approval at the 2017 meeting.

### Financial Report:

Ed Studniski reported anticipating a great year-end balance for fiscal year 2015-16 Preliminary numbers are looking encouraging, Central Lutheran +\$10,546 minus Little Lambs loss of \$10,920 for an expected loss of about \$400.00. Ed shared it is about 3 ½ years until our mortgage is paid off, current balance is \$486,859. Our \$40,000 in Reserves has been stable for two years and has been used only once since established.

The 2016-17 Little Lambs Spending Plan was presented. During the last months of fiscal year 2015-2016, Little Lambs made significant changes to reduce their expenses by reducing staff, freezing expenses, leadership was diligent in sending scheduled staff home if not needed and aggressively attacked their outstanding collections. They have implemented a 4.2% tuition increase to help increase their income. Ed reported that their preliminary year-end numbers were much better than projected a few months ago.

Pastor Johansson shared that 57 households have responded to the "Count Me In" to support a Worship Leader. Seven are unable to commit to an increase in their giving and the remaining 50 have pledged an increase of \$28,855. Continue to pray for this process. Financially we can easily support a 20 hours per week position. Ken Glover shared that people would like an update on the pledges received and how we are moving forward.

Donelle King moved that we give thanks to God for His provisions this past fiscal year. Brett Ahrens seconded and the motion carried.

### Administrative Team Report:

Pastor Johansson encouraged council members to be thinking about where is Central headed. Where will we be in three years? Central could be debt-free, so how do we plan for that change in funds needed? What do we want a transition to look like as we anticipate Pastor Johansson retiring in the future.

Pastor Johansson shared the Council Covenant and encouraged everyone to keep it in front of them as we move forward this year. Talk to the Administration Team if you have ideas for updating or suggested changes to the Covenant. He reminded everyone that council serves as a connection to the congregation, they are responsible for keeping the church fiscally accountable and the "boss" of the Senior Pastor.

Fall programing will include a Sunday evening of a meal together and the option of three opportunities or on-ramps: Alpha, Financial Peace University or Cleansing Stream. Sklenicka's have agreed to make the Sunday evening meals.

Personnel – Paul has had sit downs with all program staff and Rachel Pederson. Rachel will be having sit downs with the administrative team and Norm Baty, property manager. The Administrative Team will have a sit down with Pastor Johansson in August.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Cheryl Johnson made a motion to move the appointment of Endowment committee members to the September or October agenda. J. C. Thieke seconded and the motion carried.

Prayers and Spiritual Formation – Pastor Johansson asked everyone to share what the gift of communion means to each of us. Why do we welcome everyone?

Meeting closed with prayer at 8:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rachel Pederson  
Council Secretary