

Central Lutheran Church Council Meeting November 14, 2016

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

Business Meeting:

Leanne Musgjerd moved approval of the October 20, 2016, council minutes. Donelle King seconded and the motion carried.

Administrative Team:

Pastor Johansson shared the results of our Debt Elimination campaign that ended on October 31, 2016. Funds received were \$395,780.77 over the three-year program. That is 81.96% of the total amount pledged. This is a very positive and significant participation rate. It was suggested that we celebrate the culmination with the congregation. Jackie Kritzig was on the original committee and she will share thanks at our services on Sunday morning, November 27, 2016.

Financial Report:

Ken Glover made a motion to approve the September, 2016, Financial Report as presented. Keith Terlinden seconded and the motion carried. Ed Studniski shared that we are current with our bills and have not had to use our reserve funds. A congregational member needs to be appointed to the Finance Committee.

Personnel

Pastor Johansson shared that Jim Sklenicka has resigned as the Sunday morning custodian effective the early January 2017. Please share the word that we are hiring for the position. Pastor Johansson regretfully received the resignation from Manny Cortez as the 9:30 Worship Team Leader. Brian Budahn made a motion to acknowledge and share our appreciation to Manny and his wife Debbie, for the years they shared with us as the 9:30 Worship Leader. Brett Ahrens seconded and the motion carried.

The Personnel Committee will be meeting in the near future to reorganize.

Pastor Johansson updated the council on the time staff recently spent with Terry Walling, which was very helpful and productive to everyone. Terry used an Enneagram test and has never seen a staff that is as well balanced as this one is. Council would like to take the Enneagram test.

Pastor Johansson also shared that we need to keep the possibility of a Visitation Pastor on our radar for the future.

Mike Lauer is fitting in well and adjusting to needs in our worship and music ministry as things evolve. Pastor Braley is meeting with Mike on a regular basis to mentor him.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Brian Budahn asked if we can improve the lighting in the Sanctuary? Very difficult to see from the altar perspective. Keith Terlinden asked what the future looks like with regards to Terry Walling. Pastor Johansson explained that our contract ends December 2016, but Terry will have one more visit with us in February (make up visit from fall 2015). Staff knows that they can use their Continuing Education money if they would like to continue to use Terry as a guide.

Prayer and Spiritual Formation

Pastor Johansson gave an overview of the upcoming church seasons:

Thanksgiving Eve service will recognize our mission partners

Advent begins November 27, theme is "Be Still"

Christmas Eve will have Family Worship at 2:00 and 4:30 and Candlelight and Communion at 7:30 and 11:00 pm

Christmas Day is a Sunday, worship will be at 10:00 am

New Year's Day is a Sunday and we will have worship at our normal Sunday times

Epiphany Event on January 6 – commissioning of Jim and Linda Sklenicka as they go to the Vineyard Church in Mexico as Missionaries.

Ash Wednesday is March 1. Possible theme for Lent is “The Broken Way” by Ann Voscamp

Pastor Braley and Sonja Knutson will be at the next Council meeting.

Council members drew a new staff person name to pray for this month.

Meeting concluded with the Lord’s Prayer.

Next Council Meeting will be Monday, December 12.

Meeting closed at 8:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Pederson
Council Secretary