

Central Lutheran Church Council Meeting December 12, 2016

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

Business Meeting:

Ken Glover moved approval of the agenda, Brett Ahrens seconded and the motion carried.

Keith Terlinden moved approval of the November 14, 2016, council minutes. Brett Ahrens seconded and the motion carried.

Financial Report:

Ken Glover made a motion to approve the October, 2016, Financial Report as presented. Brian Budahn seconded and the motion carried. November preliminary report page A showed LL actual expenses as \$17,774 and Budget of -\$40,721. These are the same numbers as reported in October. Correct numbers are on page 4, actual expenses are \$18,613.92 and budget actual is -\$33,010.85. Corrections will be made for the November final report. Ed Studniski shared that we are current with our bills and have not had to use our reserve funds. He also noted that our building mortgage is under \$400,000. Council members suggested that we show the significant progress we have made to the congregation.

Personnel Report:

The Personnel Committee met on December 7, 2016. Dean Sorenson will be the chair and Bob Ruprecht will be the Vice Chair. Pastor Johansson shared the following staff updates: Lindsey Beard is on maternity leave until March 2017; Cherie Tobias is on a leave of absence due to a family crisis; Joy Goodwin will be on maternity leave starting sometime in June. Currently looking for an intern that could cover the summer months while she is out. Mike Lauer has come board willing to take on more than originally planned. He is very flexible and adaptable. Advent Choir is going well. Visitation pastor is still on the radar.

Pastor Braley shared about his sabbatical leave for January and February 2017:

Month One: focus on teaching and relationships

1. Teach Theology course at Bethel University
2. Spend time with wife Katie and the kids

Month Two: focus on reflecting, resting, and visioning

1. Reflecting on the past ten years of ministry at Central, including this past year as Pastor, using St. Ignatius's spiritual practice of Examen.
2. Several days of silence and solitude at retreat center
3. Begin to vision what the next years of ministry might look like

Old Business:

Endowment Committee will meet in January.

Finance Committee needs one more member.

New Business:

Great River Family Promise fundraiser on December 17 at Central.

Pastor Johansson shared that he will be a grandpa.

Epiphany Event, Commissioning of Sklenicka's is January 6, 2017.

Prayer and Spiritual Formation

Council members drew a new staff person name to pray for this month. We shared prayers for each of us.

Meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Council Meeting will be Monday, January 9, 2017.

Brandon Hanson adjourned the meeting at 8:20 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Pederson

Council Secretary