

Central Lutheran Church Council Meeting January 9, 2017

Brandon Hanson declared a quorum, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and acknowledged two empty chairs representing the presence of Christ and the one for the stranger and began with prayer. Council members present were: Brian Budahn, Ken Glover, Brandon Hanson, Paul Johansson, Cheryl Johnson, Donelle King, Leanne Musgjerd, Cindy Novotny, Rachel Pederson, Jill Pouliot, Ed Studniski, Keith Terlinden and J.C. Thieke. Council members absent: Brett Ahrens and Jackie Kritzeck. Staff member present: Sonja Knutson.

Business Meeting:

Keith Terlinden moved approval of the agenda, Ken Glover seconded and the motion carried.

Keith Terlinden moved approval of the December 12, 2016, council minutes. Cindy Novotny seconded and the motion carried.

Personnel Report:

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. Pastor Braley is on his sabbatical leave for January and February, 2017. Pastor Johansson also shared that he and Kaycee Stanley have been in conversation about the possibility that in the fall of 2017 Kaycee would transition to working part-time as our Director of Student Ministries and she would spend her remaining time working with Reel Hope. The goal would be to hire a full-time person who would work along side her and learn from Kaycee.

Financial Report:

Ed Studniski shared the latest financial reports. Keith Terlinden made a motion to approve the November, 2016 Financial Report as presented. J C Theike seconded and the motion carried. December preliminary were presented. Council requested that the Key Indicator report be included each month. Because Christmas Day was a Sunday, we lost one Sunday of offerings. Ed Studniski shared that we are current with our bills and have not had to use our reserve funds. Council was happy to see that members could visually see the significant progress we have made in reducing our mortgage debt with a thermometer in Get Connected on Sunday mornings. A mailing encouraging everyone to grow their giving will be sent to members too.

Old Business:

New Business:

Sonja Knutson will share at the February meeting about the Discipleship Pathway tool that is being developed.

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, February 13, 2017.

Brandon Hanson adjourned the meeting at 7:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Pederson
Council Secretary