

## **Central Lutheran Church Council Meeting**

### **March 13, 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: Brett Ahrens, Brian Budahn, Ken Glover, Brandon Hanson, Cheryl Johnson, Donelle King, Jacki Kritzeck, Leanne Musgjerd, Cindy Novotny, Rachel Pederson, Jill Pouliot, Ed Studniski, and Keith Terlinden. Council members absent: Paul Johansson and J.C. Thieke.

#### Business Meeting:

Ken Glover moved approval of the February 13, 2017, council minutes with changes suggested. Cindy Novotny seconded and the motion carried.

#### Sabbatical Report:

Pastor Braley expressed sincere thanks for the time to reflect and rejuvenate. He appreciated the time off but realized very quickly how much he loves and missed being a part of this community. He shared on things he did and reflected on: Teaching, Who Am I? A few good books, God speaks through movies, Family Time, Inner Circle and more.

#### Financial Report:

Keith Terlinden made a motion to approve the January 2017, Financial Report as presented. Jacki Kritzeck seconded and the motion carried. February preliminary were presented. We are current with our bills and have not had to use our reserve funds. The Finance Committee will prepare a preliminary 2017-18 Spending Plan and present it at the April council meeting. Council will make recommendations at the May Meeting and the proposed plan will be presented to the congregation at the Congregational Meeting on June 4, 2017.

Discussion included: How do we rethink the pledge card as younger people don't value a pledge? They give differently. What does it mean to be a member?

#### Personnel Report:

Rachel Pederson shared that Cherie Tobias is on an extended leave of absence. Plans are developing to begin the process of hiring a full-time Student Director to work along-side Kaycee Stanley as she transitions from full time to half time.

#### Council Nominations:

Rachel Pederson shared that Jacki Kritzeck and J C Thieke have completed their second three-year term and are not eligible for reelection. Jill Pouliot and Brian Budahn have completed one three-year term and are eligible to serve a second three-year term. You are encouraged to contact people who would be open to serving on council. Submit names to Pastor Johansson or Rachel Pederson.

#### New Business:

Ed Studniski brought a brochure from a church with a younger focus. Discussion included marketing to the younger ages, how Millennials approach church, their need to be known and needed, incorporate ideas from the "Growing Younger" conference that Pastor Braley and other staff attended. Consider younger people to serve on council.

#### Old Business: None

#### New Business: None

#### 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, April 10, 2017.

Brandon Hanson adjourned the meeting at 8:06 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Rachel Pederson  
Council Secretary