

Central Lutheran Church Council Meeting

April 10, 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, Paul Johansson, Donelle King, Jacki Kritzeck, Leanne Musgjerd, Rachel Pederson, Jill Pouliot, Ed Studniski, Keith Terlinden and J.C. Thieke. Council members absent: Cheryl Johnson and Cindy Novotny.

Business Meeting:

Keith Terlinden moved approval of the March 13, 2017, council minutes. Leanne Musgjerd seconded and the motion carried.

Personnel Report:

Pastor Johansson shared that Pastor Braley has begun the search for an Assistant Director of Student Ministries as we anticipate Kaycee Stanley to transition to part-time in the fall of 2017. Bailey Gerdes has been hired part-time and will cover Joy Goodwin's maternity leave this summer and be the 2017 Community Bible Camp point person. Cherie Tobias is on an extended leave of absence. Lindsey Beard has returned from maternity leave.

Financial Report:

Ken Glover made a motion to approve the February, 2017, Financial Report as presented. J. C. Thieke seconded and the motion carried. March preliminary financial reports were presented. We are current with our bills and have not had to use our reserve funds.

The Mission Spending Plan was presented by Ed Studniski projecting a flat income for the 2017/18 year. Expenses increase due staff additions so fundraising efforts need to cover the projected \$60,900 in expenses. Plan is to rally echo families to help support the added youth position.

The Finance Committee recommends using the projected extra \$23,092 to cover the exterior brick damage.

Little Lambs projected 2017-18 budget was presented.

The Finance Committee anticipates the audit will be done for the May meeting.

At the May meeting the Finance Committee will present a 2017-18 Proposed Spending Plan and council will bring this budget to the Congregational Meeting on June 4, 2017. At the May meeting benevolence partners for the 2017-18 year will be discussed.

Council and Endowment Nominations:

Pastor Johansson shared that both Brian Budahn and Jill Pouliot are willing to serve a second term. Please suggest other names to fill the two open council positions.

Endowment Committee will be: Maria Dollansky, Chris Johnson, Jack Ellis (1 year term), Sandy Miller, Ross Gramstad and Jim Maas.

20/20 Vision – A Way Forward

Suggested focus will include three main areas:

Property – Jack Holmes has agreed to chair a task force to prioritize property needs

Personnel – plan of succession as leadership transitions

Presence – how we are present in the community, i.e. Lifetree Café, The WHY Church, Great River Family Promise, etc.

Old Business:

Jill Pouliot made a motion to appoint Gary Hanson to the Finance Committee. Ken Glover seconded and the motion carried.

New Business:

Be in prayer for Jeff Krogstad and Julie and the girls.

Prayer and Spiritual Formation

Council members spent time in prayer for Holy Week and the anticipation of Easter Sunday!

Meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Council Meeting will be Monday, May 8, 2017.

Congregational Meeting will be Sunday, June 4, followed by council meeting for election of officers.

Brandon Hanson adjourned the meeting at 8:20 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Pederson
Council Secretary