

Central Lutheran Church Council Meeting

May 8, 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, Leanne Musgjerd, Cindy Novotny, Rachel Pederson, Jill Pouliot, Ed Studniski and Keith Terlinden. Council members absent: Cheryl Johnson, Donelle King, Jacki Kritzeck and J.C. Thieke.

Business Meeting:

Keith Terlinden moved approval of the April 10, 2017, council minutes. Brian Budahn seconded and the motion carried.

Personnel Report:

Pastor Johansson shared a list of Staff Sit-Downs to be done in May and June. Staff updates include: Kirsten Gill, had another a-fib with her heart so she will be having an ablation done the end of June to try to stabilize her heart rhythm, Joy Goodwin will be on maternity leave most of the summer, Ryan Braley has had some serious dental issues/infections, Sonja Knutson's dad is at Mayo with heart concerns. Pastor Johansson continued to ask for prayers for a candidate that is very interested in the Associate Student Ministry position.

Endowment:

The Endowment Fund policy from the 2011 Congregation Annual Meeting was reviewed. Ken Glover made a motion to use one-third of Endowment Funds (approximately \$1,500.00) for staff development. Keith Terlinden seconded and the motion passed.

Mission Partners:

Leanne Musgjerd made a motion to replace Alpha and Lead Star International with Reel Hope and Wycliffe Bible Translators as Mission Partners for the 2017-18 year. Brian Budahn seconded and the motion passed. Keith Terlinden abstained from voting as he serves on the Reel Hope board.

Stewardship:

Pastor Johansson shared ideas being implemented to Grow our Financial base. In Spring and Summer of 2017 Kaycee and Paul are communicating with target groups and individuals to increase revenue by a minimum of \$50,000 for this next fiscal year. Kaycee is working on a brochure that will give a vision of the transition occurring in Student Ministries. A cover letter from Paul, Ryan and Sonja will accompany this brochure to be sent to different target groups, i.e. Grandparents, Student Ministry Households, First Communion households, etc..

Letters will also go out to givers and non-givers prior to our Congregational Meeting on June 4, 2017.

In fall of 2017 (November) we will plan, organize and lead a stewardship drive for 2018 financial support based on a calendar year. This helps people make the distinction between giving as part of response to the Lord in contrast to giving to support a budget.

Financial Report:

Ken Glover made a motion to approve the March, 2017, Financial Report as presented. Brett Ahrens seconded and the motion carried. April preliminary financial reports were presented. Ed noted that our mortgage balance is under \$300,000 and 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. The total income is projected at \$1,180,000 with a shortfall of \$80,900 – this amount exceeds what would be needed for the new Associate Student Ministry position. A new report will be shared with council members. Jill Pouliot moved to approve the amended Mission Spending Plan to be presented to the congregation for approval. Brett Ahrens seconded and the motion carried.

Brick Repair Project - The Finance Committee recommends that all available funds in the Endowment Capital Improvements Fund (approximately \$9,100.00) be allocated to the brick repair project to start the summer of 2017. Brian Budahn made a motion to recommend from council that this be presented to the congregation for approval on June 4, 2017. Leanne Musgjerd seconded and the motion carried.

Keith Terlinden made a motion that any excess funds at the end of the fiscal year 2017 be used first to cover any remaining costs for the brick repair project to start the summer of 2017. Cindy Novotny seconded and the motion carried.

Financial Audit has been completed for the 2016-17 year. We are in excellent standings with our financial records. A few minor changes were suggested. Ken Glover made a motion to accept the auditors report. Brian Budahn seconded and the motion carried.

Council Nominations

Keith Terlinden made a motion to thank Jacki Kritzeck and J. C. Theike for their years of service on the council. Brett seconded and the motion carried. Pastor Johansson shared that Jill Pouliot and Brian Budahn have agreed to serve a second three-year term. Ryan Tollefson and Alaina Just have also agreed to be on the ballot, each for a three-year term.

20/20 Vision – A Way Forward

Where are we going? Where have we come from? Pastor Johansson shared three foci for the future: Presence – who is God inviting us to reach out to, new ministry/new mission in the future; Personnel – what does leadership look like in 2020; Property - in anticipation of our mortgage being paid off soon, Jack Holmes has agreed to chair a property committee to put together recommendations for property needs.

Old Business – none

New Business – celebrated Pastor Johansson becoming a grandpa this past week.

Meeting closed with prayer lead by Jill Pouliot. Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Reminder: Congregational Meeting, Sunday, June 4 at noon, followed by council meeting for election of officers.

Respectfully submitted,
Rachel Pederson
Council Secretary