

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MINUTES
January 23, 2018 – 7:00 PM

MISSION STATEMENT: Our Savior's Lutheran Church is a Welcoming Community, Experiencing God, Reaching Out and Raising Up followers of Jesus Christ.

Members Present: Annette Haynes, Sheri Dittrich-Reinhart, Brad Haynes, Joey Warta, Kitty Hietala, Scott Blumhoefer, Ted Sauers, Pastor Dave Nissen, Pastor Gene Alms, Maxine Remme. Guests: Zach Hansen

1. **Call to Order** – President Sheri Dittrich-Reinhart
 - a. Attendees/Roll Call – Completed by Secretary

2. **Opening Prayer/Devotions** – Sheri Sheri began her devotions by thanking the council members for their time and efforts. Devotions were from 1 Samuel 3: 1-10 – What Now God?

3. **Any Additions to the Agenda:** None at this time

4. **Consent Agenda**
 - a. Staff/Committee reports
 - b. Task Force ReportScott made a motion to accept/ Joey seconded MSP

5. **New Business**
 - a. Amend December Council Meeting Minutes to update Pastor Alm's starting date
The official start date was January 22, 2018. Brad made the motion to change the minutes, Ted Seconded. MSP
 - b. Zach Hansen shared a letter of resignation with the council. See attached.
Motion by Joey and seconded by Brad to accept the resignation as of May 31st. MSP
 - c. Summer Trip Update. No report
 - d. Welcome Pastor Alms: The Council members introduced themselves and gave a short description of themselves and their membership on the Church Council. Pastor Alms then gave us a brief description of himself and his "job" as interim Pastor. He uses the "Adaptive Inquiry" method. Cautioned that this transition would be slow, but thorough.
 - e. Report to Synod: Was completed but needs to be "Proof Read" and corrections made.
 - f. Constitution Review: Brad questioned is this is a good time for a Constitution review to be sure we are working correctly and if some new changes needed to be made. Motion by Annette and seconded by Scott that a Constitution Review Committee be formed. MSP
 - g. Office Management Controls: It was recommended that Mary Lu, as office manager be given authority to handle operational office practices. i.e. Passwords that need changing. Motion by Annette and seconded by Joey to give Mary Lu the responsibility of office management controls.
MSP

6. **Financial Report** – Scott Blumhoefer.

- a. See handouts
- b. Indicated by graph that we are losing money year to year. Question how do we stop this trend.
- c. Accompanying question how do we get people in the doors which would in turn increase giving as well.

Motion by Joey Seconded by Brad to accept the Financial Report: MSP

7. **Unfinished Business**

- a. Congregational Survey Questions –Annette
 - i: Engaging members to complete – personal calls
 - ii. Big question What does the Congregation need that they are not getting.
 - iii. Annette reminded Council members to look over the questions she sent out.
 - iv. Pastor Gene suggested that we do not send out a survey now but wait for the Interim Survey which will be done.

8. **Communication to Congregation**

Sheri is going to give an update to the Congregation in the form of a Temple Talk on Sunday, January 28 at both services.

- i. The message would include a welcome to Pastor Gene Alms
- ii. Also a reminder of the timeline and to be patient as we go through this transition.

9. **Announcements**

1. Welcome to Pastor Gene Alms
2. Gearing up for the Annual meeting on February 4 at 9:30 AM
3. Working on readying the report for the Synod.

10. **Pastor Gene informed** the council that both he and Pastor Dave will be taking off Fridays. However, one of them will be on call each Friday.

11. **Next meetings:** Annual Meeting February 4th at 9:30 AM Council meeting February 27 at 7:00 PM

12. **Closing Prayer:** The Lord's Prayer

13. **Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted by Maxine Remme Church Council Secretary