

**OUR SAVIORS LUTHERAN CHURCH  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2019**

**MISSION STATEMENT:**

Our Saviors Lutheran Church is a Welcoming Community, Experiencing God, Reaching out and Raising up followers of Jesus Christ.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Patty Young, Brad Haynes, Bret Johnson, Kathy Lund, Kitty Hietala, Chip Rasche, Pastor Gene Alms, Pastor Dave Nissen, Maxine Remme  
**Absent:** Joey Warta   **Guests:** None

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Patty Young, President
  - a. Attendees/Roll Call – See above.
  
2. **Opening Devotions /Prayer** – Patty Young
  - a, March Devotions – Kathy Lund
  
3. **Any Additions to the Agenda**
  - L. Closing Procedure when experiencing inclement weather
  - k. Vote to allow Bret Johnson to sign checks
  
4. **Consent Agenda** – Motion to accept Agenda by Brad/seconded by Kitty. MSP
  - a. **Pastor Gene Report**, including Parochial Report (SW MN synod annual report) see attached) Forms were completed by those in attendance and handed back to Pastor Gene. They will be tabulated and entered in the report
    - b. Pastor Gene’s written report which included Reviews & Appreciations.
    - c. Concerns about the missed time due to weather issues
    - d. MAP Team - Sunday updates in Worship
      - i. For report to come out before Easter/this report will flow very nicely into Call Committee formation
      - ii. Hoping to hold congregational meeting the first Sunday in May,
      - iii, Working to clear some items up before Pastor Dave goes on Paternity leave.
    - e. Reviewed printed Church Calendar as found in his written report.
    - f. Constitution Adaptations – Bylaws/Team Structure/Personnel Participants
    - g. Staff Concerns – Right sizing Expectations
    - h. Mail boxes – status/re-label/shrink to one?
      - i. discussion regarding painting the mailboxes and ways of handling them without so many boxes perhaps. Also possible new location
      - i. Also Boy Scout Renewal contract will need to be signed.
    - b. – **Pastor Dave’s Report** - Has been working hard at cutting back some hours. However, weather has interrupted many plans and has had to work with that. He is learning to say NO to some incidental things that can be handled by someone else. Basic report was on his work time.
    - c. **Staff/Committee Report** - There were none. Covered in pre-council meeting
    - d. Updates to Council – There were none Covered in pre-council meeting

## 5. **FINANCIAL REPORT** - Bret Johnson, Treasurer

- a. Handed out report which he had gotten from and gone over with Mary Lu.
- b. Due to illness and snow days Mary Lu has been unable to get everything ready for a report.
- c. Inquired as to what the council wanted to see. Most council members liked the graph format.

Motion to accept the report was made by Brad and seconded by Chip MSP

Language to be forwarded to Frandsen Bank allowing Bret Johnson to sign checks.

The following motion was made by Brad Haynes and seconded by Kitty Hietala  
Bret Johnson has been elected treasurer of Our Saviors Lutheran Church, New Ulm, MN as of February 2, 2019 and he should have signing rights on our general account and building account, both of which are located Frandsen Bank and Trust, New Ulm, MN. Scott Blumhoefer's name should be removed from these same accounts.

Motion passed.

## 6. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. 2018 Audit Patty will send a notice to Audit Committee to remind them the books are ready for audit

b. Open Positions on Council/Teams/Committees -

Danielle Sharts, has agreed to serve and Children's Ministry Team

Ellie Wilker has agreed to serve a one year term on Youth Ministry

Brad Haynes has agreed to be the at large member on Finance Committee

Motion by Kathy and seconded by Bret. MSP

Patty will contact Dennis Johnson and encourage him to fill one of the empty Spots on the Teams

c. Lenten Meals A sign up sheet will be posted on bulletin board regarding sign up by boards/Teams for serve the Lenten meal.

Fellowship and Adult Ministry teams will serve one Lenten Meal.

Council will serve the meal on March 27<sup>th</sup>

d. Green Lake Bible Camp will be March 24<sup>th</sup> and also April 28<sup>th</sup>. Personnel from the camp will be conducting much of the service.

e. Constitution Review committee (replace ad hoc committee)

Jim Schmidt has volunteered to head a committee of 7 people to review the Constitution. He will present his committee at the next council meetin for Council approval. Motion by Brad seconded by Kitty MSP.

f. Pulpit Supply during paternity leave. Patty had contacted Pastor Rebecca Sullivan who is an ordained supply Pastor and lives in Mankato. She is available during the tine of Pastor Dave's paternity leave. It was suggested by Patty and also agreed to by Pastor Gene, that Pastor Rebecca would be in the pulpit 3 out of 4 weekends in each month. Pastor Gene would be the Liturgist on those Sundays This would allow Pastor Gene during the week to take on some of Pastor Dave's duties

Motion by Brad and seconded by Kitty to us Pastor Rebecca Sullivan as the supply Pastor during Pastor Dave's paternity leave. MSP

g. Easter Lilies - The flowers purchased for Christmas and Easter have exceeded the budget allowed for them in the past. Donations from the congregation did not pay the whole bill.

A motion by Kitty that the budget item for flowers and church supplies for 2019 not be exceeded. Bret seconded MSP

h. Council Retreat 2019 – Saturday morning vs. Sunday afternoon. This would be for the council as well as team members, Decision on the Retreat was tabled until March meeting,

i. Communication with Congregation Patty suggested that a table be set up in the Social Hall during coffee hour and have one Council member sitting at that table each Sunday to allow congregational members to ask questions of the council As to what is happening and also also to bring concerns to the attention of the council. Agreed by council members to “man” the table each Sunday.

j. MAP – Report and Site Profile: See Pastor Gene’s report

k. Confirmation Sunday. Do we want to go with 2 services that Sunday or stick with just one. Motion by Kitty and seconded by Chip to hold just one service. MSP

l. Parochial report - completed during Pastor Gene’s report.

**7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS** There was none,

**8. Communication to Congregation/Announcements**

a. Grab N Go

b Bulletin

c. Temple Talk by Patty when she gets to church next time. (weather permitting)

**9. NEXT MEETING** – March 26, 2019 7:00 PM

**10. ADJOURNMENT/CLOSING PRAYER**

Respectfully submitted by Maxine Remme, Church Council Secretary.