

**OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 27, 2018  
Prayer/Devotions -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:** Brad Haynes, Sheri Dittrich-Reinhart, Joey Warta, Kitty Hietala, Scott Blumhoefer, Kathy Lund, Interim Senior Pastor Gene Alms, Pastor Dave Nissen, Maxine Remme.

1. **Call to Order:** Brad Haynes, President
  - a. Attendees/Roll Call (See above)
  - b. Introduction of Kathy Lund/Members of Council
2. **Opening Prayer:** Brad
  - a. Rotation for Devotions suggested by Brad: March meeting Maxine
3. **Pastoral Report** – Pastor Gene
  - a. Parochial Report was completed under timelines
  - b. April 19<sup>th</sup> Watonwan Conference Pastors will be meeting at OSLC.
  - c. Example used of untying knots as part of task at OSLC
  - d. "Let's Explore Possibilities"
  - e. Constitution Review (see New Business)
  - f. Crisis Ministry and Hospital Visits. Pastor Gene will be making this a priority in his ministry here. May have mileage expenses.
  - g. Leadership Workshop in April  
See item #6d for further discussion regarding workshop
  - h. Interim – Transparency and keeping congregation informed.
4. **Any additions to the Agenda-**
  - a. Seder Meal
  - b. Constitution Review
5. **Consent Agenda** – Vote Required. Motion by Joey and seconded by Scott to accept. MSP
  - a. **Staff / Committee Report** - see handout
  - b. **Task Force report** - None
6. **New Business**
  - a. Report from Sunday School Volunteer Coordinators

- i. Personnel Committee working on this with several options being explored
  - ii. Offer a stipend to find a VBS coordinator. Motion by Scott  
Seconded by Joey. MSP
  - iii. Sunday School Coordinator – Needed as a replacement of current volunteers
  - iv. Maxine Remme will be doing secretarial work for Children's Ministry Team
- b. Recommendation from Personnel for Judy Gramentz
- i. Judy would be filling in when JoEllen needs to be gone.
  - ii. Background check and other misc. hiring needs. Motion by Sheri and seconded by Kitty to do background check. MSP
- c. Lenten Suppers – March 7<sup>th</sup> is Council turn. Patty Young will bring turkey supreme.
- i. Maxine volunteered to bring buns
  - ii. Kitty, Sheri, Dave and Scott will bring bars
  - iii. Brad and Kathy will bring salads
  - iv. Joey will bring lemonade
- d. Leadership Meeting – Sunday April 29 (see change of date) @ 12:00
- i. Chips and cookies and sandwiches. (Maxine will take care of sandwiches when we have a count)
  - ii. Meet from 12:00 until 2:00
  - iii. All members of all teams will be included.
  - iv. Power point from previous year will be continued.
- e. Wellness Dollars – Pastor Gene  
\$250.00 allocated. Will have further report at next council meeting
- f. Seder Meal: Discussion regarding serving wine. Motion by Joey and seconded by Kitty to approve use of alcohol at Seder Meal. MSP
- g. Alcoholic Beverages in the church only upon approval by Church Council. Motion by Scott and seconded by Joey. MSP
- h. OSLC open to fundraising events if coordinated by volunteers and not by staff. Self-contained and cleared through Mary Lu. Must have council approval supervision by fundraising committee and include current rental policy. Motion by Joey and seconded by Scott. MSP
- i. Constitution Review:  
I Task force put together to review constitution to be sure church can operate effectively and efficiently

- ii. Establish By Laws to allow for additional new rules/regulations
  - iii. Committee to communicate by laws changes tabled until March
  - j. JoEllen and Dean will be going back to California the third week in March. Will be gone up to 2 weeks.
6. **Financial Report** – Scott Blumhoefer
- a. See handouts
  - b. Explained new reimbursement forms available for non-staff members
7. **Unfinished Business.** None
8. **Communication to Congregation**
- a. Pastor Alm continuing his “probing” congregation
  - b. Call Committee will be formed soon
  - c. Going through the proper process
  - d. Brand will do presentation to congregation at 8:15 service.
  - e. Asked for volunteers for 5:30 and 10:30 service.
9. **Announcements**
- a. 3 bullet points.
    - Pastor Alm continues working within congregation
    - Untying the knots
    - Leadership Meeting coming up on April 29th
10. **Next Meeting will be Tuesday, March 27 at 7:00 PM**
11. **Closing Prayer**
12. **Adjournment:** Motion by Joey, seconded by Sheri. MSP