

# OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

## COUNCIL MINUTES

### JULY 26, 2016

#### **OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

- ***A welcoming community experiencing God, reaching out and raising up followers of Jesus Christ.***

**Members Present:** Annette Haynes, Sheri Dittrich-Reinhart, Brett Olsen, Joey Warta, Gaelan Pottter, Scott Blumhoefer, Ted Sauers, Maxine Remme, Pastor Deb Bergstrand, Zach Hansen, Pastor Shelley Olson

**Visitors:** Harold Remme, Bob Gruenhagen

**Call to Order:** Annette Haynes, President of Church Council

**Devotions:** Pastor Deb "Discerning God's Will" Romans 12

**Agenda – accept/add/remove**

1. **Consent Agenda:** Motion by Joey, seconded by Brett to accept
  - a. **Minutes** from last meeting Approved
  - b. **Staff/Committee report:** Approved as submitted (see handout)
2. **Financial Report** – Scott Blumhoefer (see handouts)
  - a. No large outstanding projects at this time
  - b. Has sat in on Building and Grounds meetings
  - c. Endowment Fund Committee also needs to meet
3. **Audit Report**-Bob Gruenhagen.

Bob encouraged the Council to consider having an outside firm conduct an audit every 3 to 5 years.

Let the minutes read that the audit committee report was given and a motion by Ted Sauers and seconded by Joey Warta to accept report. MSP

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. Strategic Plan report and Update postponed until end of business meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS;**

- a. Ordination Service – congregational gift. Recommended amount \$50.00 - \$75.00

Motion by Scott Blumhoefer and seconded by Joey Warta to approve that the gift not exceed \$75.00. MSP

**COMMUNICATION** to Congregation: Sidelites and Bulletin items. Annette will do

Joey Warta reported that he and Zach have been working on a plan to do a 4 to 5 minute video tape using congregational members to learn more about our church day to day operations and future plans. Hoping to have it ready for use in September.

October and November we will be breaking out financial spending using Mission Statement categories. Want to show congregation how ministry programs are supported by the funds they give. Eg Where does the money go? How to use Qr code will all be parts of video(s).

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE AUGUST 23<sup>RD</sup>** A change due to the late date which is during last week before school, etc. We will meet at 7:00 PM on August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Motion to Adjourn – Gaelan / Joey

**STRATEGIC PLANNING REPORT:** Harold Remme went through the procedure used to compile final report.

Also stressed the importance of using the plan and not to just let it sit on a shelf somewhere.

Council was encouraged to choose 2 of the recommendations for this year and then add another 2 another year and so on. Thus allowing for concentration and instituting the plan in a timely manner.

Other parts of the report are in the final handout which Harold went through for those people that were unable to attend all the sessions and as a refresher for those that had attended.

Membership stability and Financial/Stewardship were chosen as priority goals. Facilities will be considered third priority after these are addressed.

Council agreed to bring goals for these two areas to the next meeting and develop action plans

Brett Olsen made the motion to accept the plan, Ted Sauers seconded the motion. MSP

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.