

**OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
MARCH 27, 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:** Brad Haynes, Sheri Dittrich-Reinhart, Joey Warta, Ted Sauers, Scott Blumhoefer, Kathy Lund, Pastor Gene Alms, Pastor David Nissen, Maxine Remme. **Visitors:** Troy Booth and Jason Krenz, Bldg. and Grounds Committee

1. **Call to Order:** Brad Haynes, Council Chairperson
  - a. Attendees/Roll Call: See list above
2. **Opening Prayer/Devotions** - Maxine Remme
  - a. April Devotions: Patty Young
3. **Any Additions to the Agenda**
  - a. Pastor Gene - By Law Proposal
  - b. Patty Young - How to spend the money from our recent Lenten Supper.
  - c. Troy Booth addressed the Council with concerns about the replacement for Zach Hansen. Concerned about the time line and wondering if the Council is on track with hiring of Youth Committee and Children's Ministry Team. President Haynes assured Troy that we are working on it through Personnel Committee at this time. No action taken.
4. **Consent Agenda**
  - a. Staff/Committee Report - See Handout
  - b. Task Force Report - No ReportMotion by Joey and seconded by Ted to accept reports. MSP

## 5. Financial Report - Scott Blumhoefer

- a. See Handouts - January and February collections were very weak. We are down \$17,557.37
- b. Cash Available: We are using reserve and will soon not have that reserve to live on. Need a drive to get more financial help.
- c. Letter presented by the Finance Committee to be sent out to congregation

Motion to accept the report by Joey. Seconded by Patty Young  
MSP

## 6. New Business

- a. Addition of bylaws - Pastor Gene - See handout.
  - i. Presentation included a suggestion to include a forum for members from all Teams and Committees. This forum would allow all Teams and Committees to share ideas and what they are working on prior to the Council meeting each month
  - ii. Discussion followed with wording of by laws.
  - iii. The idea to have Teams and Committees meet each month prior to the Church Council meeting met with approval by the council

A motion by Joey to table official acceptance of the Bylaws until wording could be tweaked, but we should move forward with having Teams and Committees start meeting with the Council. Seconded by Ted. MSP

- b. New Member Classes will be "pushed back" for now.
- c. Website Domain - it is a \$250.00 fee, however we are no longer using it. It was determined to dump it.
- d. Personnel Priorities
  - i. VBS - Julia Young has accepted the position of VBS leader
  - ii. JoEllen and time off. Substitute Judy Gramentz did a very good job of filling in. During Holy Week JoEllen will

be gone for 1 and  $\frac{1}{2}$  days. However, additional help is not necessary for those days.

- iii. Mary Lu Anderson will be taking a week off
- e. April 19<sup>th</sup> the Pastor Conference will be meeting at OSLC. A plan to do a tour of Schell's Brewery is being planned as part of the day.
- f. Leadership Meeting - has been moved to the 29<sup>th</sup> of April. Encouraged that members RSVP so food can be purchased.
- g. AED Unit batteries will need to be replaced.
- h. Fundraiser Precedent regarding fundraiser for Tessmer's- Pastor Gene determined that announcements not be made during worship service as this is not strictly an OSLC program. An announcement was made during the coffee hour on Sunday morning.
- i. Chamber of Commerce - Pastor Gene was visited by the Willkommen Committee and welcomed to the community.
- j. Mission Vision Process - No action
- k. Green Lake Bible Camp Scholarships
  - i. Concerns about low numbers attending due to the involved process to receive a scholarship for help with Fee.
  - ii. Proposed that the church pay half of all registrations. Motion to restructure to  $\frac{1}{2}$  price of Green Lake registration that same amount could be used for other camp registrations. Motion made by Joey and seconded by Patty to accept this policy. MSP.
- l. Staff Renewal - Greg Nelson will meet 4 times with staff. There is staff development monies in the budget for a program such as this. Motion by Scott and seconded by Joey to allow for this staff development program. MSP
- m. Discussion regarding a Master Key for Justin Hendrickson. Justin does many jobs around the church and arrives early many Sundays to set things up and to shovel,, etc.

- i. It was questioned if he needed a Master Key. Perhaps an entry key.
- ii. Was concerns about liabilities, etc.
- iii. Pastor Gene brought request to Council for input and decision
- iv. Many concerns were expressed regarding liability and precedent being set.

A No to the request was determined by Council.

#### **5. Unfinished Business**

Patty concerned as to what we wished to do with the money from the Lenten Supper we served. Approximately \$175.00. No final decision was made.

#### **6. Communication to Congregation**

- Open communication between Teams and Committees
- **Julia Young has been hired as VBS coordinator.**
- **Attendance at Leadership Meeting is encouraged.**

#### **7. Announcements. - None**

**10 Next Meeting** will be April 24<sup>th</sup> Forum with Teams and Committees at 6:00 PM

President Haynes also thanked the visitors for their input.

#### **11 Lord's Prayer**

#### **12. Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted by Maxine Remme Church Council Secretary