

Council Meeting Minutes from January 29, 2017

ATTENDEES: Pastor Mark, Bob Johnson, Marj Simpson, Elwin Lee, Michelle Wright, Ben Volding, Marilu Degener, Chris McCulley, and Lori Gutknecht.

A. OPENING:

1. Bob called the meeting to order at 11:20 am
2. Pastor opened the meeting by prayer.
3. The agenda was reviewed and finalized. Marilu made a motion to approve the agenda. Elwin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Recording Secretary (Marj): Marj presented minutes from 12/18/16 meeting.
2. Financial Reports (Michelle): Michelle presented financials through 12/31.
3. **Description**

	Expenses	Income	Balance
Beginning Balance 12/1/16:			\$9813.61
General			
Building Fund	20760.85	14043.50	
Total Expenses			
Totals as of 12/31/16:	\$20760.85	\$14043.50	\$3096.26
4. Worship & Parish Life Committee (Marilu): nothing to report
5. Education Committee (Ben): nothing to report
6. Missions Committee (Michelle): nothing to report
7. Finance Committee (Bob): Chris McCulley will be council rep for finance. They meet couple times a year is all.
8. Pastor's Report: Pastor gave an attendance update – Attendance for the last 2 weeks in Dec averaged 110 and the avg for January was 52. Pastoral visits/calls were 9 with no communion served during visits. There is a baptism on Feb 5th for Roselyn Garbes. Pastor & Sherri went to Arizona for the Spiritual Life Conference and Pastor us for letting them go to that. They really enjoyed it. Lent begins on March 1st. We have two weddings – one on June 24th and on October 7th or 14th. Jenna Shirley and Joel want to have Pastor Fred come and say their vows. The council voted to invite Pastor Fred to do so – Pastor so moved and Michelle 2nd that Pastor Fred could come and say the vows for Jenna & Joel.
9. Michelle made the motion to approve reports and Pastor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

C. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Additional TV Screen – Evelyn Andorf put \$600 towards the screen and the bid Marilu got was for \$5,000. We have \$2400 in memorial money, Lyle Wulf will donate some and Ronnie Degener will donate.
2. Building & Grounds update – waiting for weather to get nice for rest of tiling on other side of church, steeple needs painting and repairs, and we need to work on corner of the church. We also need to grease the bells once a year.
3. Council Dinner Out – tonight at 5:30 – Brown Bottle in CF
4. Sink Hole – Hudson Hardware Plumbing & Htg has brought out 4 loads of gravel to fill it and will continue to until full and settled.
5. Election of Officers – President – Ben Volding, Vice-President – Elwin Lee, Secretary – Marj Simpson and Treasurer – Chris McCulley,

D. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Take Draw from Investment for loan payment – Ben will talk to Brad Ohrt and have them go ahead if they agree it's a good time.
2. Elevator – Needs safety tested. Iowa Workforce came said strict deficiencies – Lori will call and check on this and see what needs to be done.
3. Biennial Agricultural Report – Due by 3/31 – Marilu will check into
4. Insurance on the church – Brad Ohrt asked about the insurance on the church and when last updated. It was updated 2 yrs ago.
5. Research was done on Total Giving for our church over the last 6 years – thought it was interesting:
2011 - \$137,360.13
2012 - \$141,049.16
2013 - \$139,322.68
2014 - \$147,399.43
2015 – \$148,011.36
2016 - \$135,852.09

E. NEXT MEETING DATE:

1. **Sunday, February 12, 2017**

F. ADJOURNMENT:

1. Marilu made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Elwin seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. The meeting was adjourned at 12:07 pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marj Simpson, Recording Secretary