

## Council Meeting Minutes from September 13, 2017

**ATTENDEES:** Pastor Mark, Marj Simpson, Ben Volding, Marilu Degener, Chris McCulley, and Lori Gutknecht.

Ben called the meeting to order at 6:45

1. Pastor opened the meeting by prayer.
2. The agenda was reviewed and finalized. Lori made a motion to approve the agenda. Pastor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### B. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Recording Secretary (Marj): Marj presented minutes from 8/14/17 meeting & semi-annual meeting minutes.

2. Financial Reports (Chris): Chris presented financials through 8/31/17 and an update on the 6/30 mid year.

3. Description 8/1/17: \$11971.15

General

Building Fund 6238.00

Total Expenses 10351.14

**Totals as of 8/31/17: \$6238.00 \$10351.14 \$7858.01**

4. Worship & Parish Life Committee (Marilu): nothing to report

5. Education Committee (Ben): Rally Sunday was last Sunday. Collected \$191 for donations for Sunday School supplies etc. Pastor is doing the Sunday School too. Molly is teaching little ones w/Jesi's help and Cindy meets with the high school for ½ the time and Sherry the other half for music.

6. Missions Committee (Lori): \$11,000 is set aside in budget for Missions and \$0 has been made so far. They will be meeting to talk about this.

7. Finance Committee (Chris): They met and discussed endowment fund and profit & loss report. The profit & loss report for Jan through June 2017 was revised and we are sitting better than we thought. A revised profit & loss report will be in monthly newsletter. Also we need to encourage people to give to the endowment fund. Also giving for the first half of the year is usually less as far as income and then we hopefully make up for it in the fall. There is a vacancy on the finance committee. Kevin Simpson came off.

8. Pastor's Report: Pastor gave an attendance update – Average attendance for last 2 weeks in Aug was 51. Avg for the first 2 weeks in Sept was 41. Pastoral visits/calls were 11 with no communion served during visits. Bible Study began on Monday, Aug. 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm in Hudson so are about 2 weeks in. Confirmation had about 4-5 kids show up. Studying the New Testament. Bench for the cemetery – foundation was dug out & the frame was done. Cement has been poured right across the driveway from the veterans monument 5'x8'. Now just waiting for the bench. Ed Juhl donated the cement and with the help of Garry Dufel, Irv & Tyler Laube they poured it. LCMC Annual Gathering in Minneapolis is October 8-11. We have 2 more weddings this year, Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> and Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>.

9. Building & Grounds Committee (Elwin) - nothing to report

10. Pastor made the motion to approve reports and Marilu seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### C. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Building/Grounds update – Balance on the Basement loan is \$82,061.37 as of 12/31/16. Another payment will be made in December. Andy Appleton came & pummeled the ground. Thank you Andy. The West side of the steeple has been repaired. We had to spend about \$500 for the lift. I believe materials were all pretty much donated unless someone submits a bill for them. Also we will need to do something with the area below the bell house. Shingles are rotted and paint is coming off. Harlan suggests we remove them and put steel on it. Talked about possibly replacing with steel shingles. Marilu will call & find out cost of steel shingles. Might be a more permanent fix but will probably have to wait until Spring to fix with Harvest coming up.
2. Church Windows – We have info from Elwin in regards to meeting up with contractors to get an estimate. May try to see if caulk will help the leakage first due to budget constraints. Best time to take pictures is when we have a lift here for steeple work. Planning to make the assessment at the time when the lift is here. The window was swarming with hornets the day we were working on the steeple so after they got done working Ben went back and sprayed them. The number that Elwin gave to contact Greg at Bovard Studio is not in service so we need to get updated contact info to get ahold of him.
3. Cemetery Bench – We have a price of around \$1000.00 for a very nice one from Lori's employer. We do have enough money in the Memorial Fund to make the purchase. It was brought up to whether or not to put plaques on all donations. There is a Memorial Book to record all donations from memorials. Is this suffice?
4. Basement refrigerator – Harold & Julie Sorensen are donating their refrigerator. Thank you.
6. Zion sign on Zanetta Rd – This sign needs repaired. Sign to the North at the 4-way is down. Garry Dufel offered to help with sign repair so him and Ben will coordinate this.

### D. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Reaching out to members that have recently stopped attending church. What can we do as a Congregation to reach out to people that we have not seen for some time. This was brought up to Ben after the semi-annual meeting by an older member. The council, worship/parish life committee will work together on this to try to come up with some ideas.
2. Greg Freshwater funeral service was first wanted at our church but since there wasn't enough room it was done at a church in Waterloo. The burial was done at our cemetery.

### E. NEXT MEETING DATE:

1. **Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:40 pm**

### F. ADJOURNMENT:

1. Marilu made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Lori seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Marj Simpson, Recording Secretary