

## Council Meeting Minutes from November 27, 2017

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

Ben called the meeting to order at 7:01pm

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

### B. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Recording Secretary (Marj): Marj presented minutes from 10/25/17 meeting.
2. Financial Reports (Chris): Chris presented financials through 10/31/17.
3. Description 10/1/17: \$7387.99

General			
Building Fund	13384.25		
Total Expenses		8515.06	
<b>Totals as of 10/31/17:</b>	<b>\$13384.25</b>	<b>\$8515.06</b>	<b>\$12257.18</b>
4. Worship & Parish Life Committee (Marilu): The Usher schedule it out.
5. Education Committee (Ben): Working on the Christmas program. Good attendance for the confirmation & Sunday School.
6. Missions Committee (Lori): Meeting Wed., Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>.
7. Finance Committee (Chris): Nothing to report.
8. Pastor's Report: Pastor gave an attendance update – Last Sunday in October had 59 and the average for the first 4 Sundays in November was 52. Pastoral visits/calls were 9 with no communion served during visits. The wedding of Nick & Holley (Wulf) VanHemert was Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> and the funeral for Harley Bergman was Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>. Pastor will be having a “Blue Christmas” bible study on Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> – especially for those going through difficult times. There was \$400 in memorials for Sherrie's dad, Everett Hansen. They purchased Chimes (bells w/stand) - \$200, sent \$100 to Mission Church in Mexico and \$100 straight to the LCMC. We will go Christmas caroling on December 17<sup>th</sup>. On Christmas Eve – Simple service with no communion at 9:00 am and the Traditional candlelight service w/Communion at 7:30 pm.
9. Building & Grounds Committee (Elwin) - Nothing to report.
10. Chris made the motion to approve reports and Lori seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### C. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Cemetery Bench – Just waiting for the bench. Will be installed in the Spring. Thank you Lori for arranging all of this.
2. Church Directory Status –Delivered
3. Zion sign on Zanetta Rd – This sign needs repaired. Everyone is really busy right now so will have to wait until after farm work is completed. Sign at the corner of Grundy Road and Ridgeway was replaced. All materials and time was donated so no cost to Zion. Materials, labor and equipment was donated by Gutknecht family. Many thanks to them.
4. Election – Marilu is going to be Council secretary and Jessi Sorensen has agreed to serve on the council in Marilu's place.
5. Reaching out to members that we have not seen for a while – letters went out November 6<sup>th</sup>. Got a couple back with bad address so those will be resent.

### D. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Harvest Ingathering – Went very well. Received \$16,981 – surpassed our goal. Thank you to everyone for helping to reach our goal and more!
2. Snow fence has been put up. Thank you to Harlan Brandhorst for the donation of the new snow fence.
3. Nativity scene was set up. Thank you for the help on that.
4. Had a recent wedding and funeral – both went well.
5. Annual meeting is scheduled for January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018. We will also do the installation of the new council and committees that day as well as the council Christmas Party that evening.

### E. NEXT MEETING DATE:

1. Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> after worship. We will have council meeting and budget meeting.

### F. ADJOURNMENT:

1. Marj made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Marilu seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Marj Simpson, Recording Secretary