

Council Meeting Minutes from January 21, 2018

ATTENDEES: Pastor Mark, Marj Simpson, Ben Volding, Marilu Degener, Chris McCulley, Lori Gutknecht, Jessi Sorensen & Elwin Lee.

Ben called the meeting to order at 11:18 am

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

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Recording Secretary (Marj): Marj presented minutes from 12/17/17 meeting.
2. Financial Reports (Chris): Chris presented financials through 12/31/17.
3. Description 12/1/17:

General			\$16809.94
Building Fund	15868.18		
Total Expenses		33264.88	
Totals as of 12/31/17:	\$15868.18	\$33264.88	\$-586.76
4. Worship & Parish Life Committee (Marilu): Nothing to report
5. Education Committee (Ben): Nothing to report
6. Missions Committee (Lori): Missions met and doled out everything.
7. Finance Committee (Chris): Finance committee Brad, Ed, Marj & Chris did meet on 1/17/18, Discussed taking the endowment payment. Promoting putting memorial money in an endowment and making sure the congregation is directing the Thrivent choice dollars to the church. Jessi made a motion to take the endowment payment. Chris seconded the motion. Motion carried.
8. Pastor's Report: Pastor gave an attendance update – Average for the end of December and 1st 3 weeks in Jan was 66. Pastoral visits/calls were 12 with 5 communions served during visits. There was discussion on why communion is not always served during a visit. They may not want communion or they may not be able to take communion. Christmas Eve" Simple service with no communion at 9:00am with 47 in attendance and Traditional candlelight service with Communion at 7:30pm with 89 in attendance. The Spiritual Renewal Conference in Arizona is January 24-27 and Pastor and Sherry will be going. Lent begins February 14th with Ash Wednesday service.
9. Building & Grounds Committee (Elwin) - Nothing to report.
10. Pastor Mark made the motion to approve reports and Marj seconded the motion. Motion carried.

C. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Election went well – happy to have Jessi Sorensen as our new council member and welcome back to all returning members. Thank you to Marj for your service.
2. Reaching out to members - Pastor and Lori are going to hand deliver directories and go for a home visit to those that haven't been picked up in 2 months.
3. Elevator - Discussed elevator service and inspections. Will make out a maintenance schedule.

D. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Annual meeting – works better upstairs rather than downstairs.
2. Follow up with those who have been in times of need recently – It was discussed on keeping Pastor up to date on people in need.
3. Calendar and newsletter getting completed in a timely fashion, how can we improve this? Pastor said he would do better about getting them out in a timely manner, also discussed, the calendar and newsletter are on the church's web site www.zionlutheranhoodson.com
4. Need to develop a maintenance schedule for the furnace, water heater & water softener to make sure they are up to date.
5. Soup supper will be March 25th, Julie Sorensen, Deb Brandhorst & Carrie McCalley will co-chair the event.
6. Alternate ways to raise money for the church. It was discussed on trying to find new/alternate ways to raise money for the church. If anyone has ideas, please share with the council or Pastor Mark.

E. NEXT MEETING DATE:

1. Sunday, February 18th at 11:00. Council Meeting.

F. ADJOURNMENT:

1. Marj made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chris seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. The meeting was adjourned at 1:00pm with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marilu Degener, Recording Secretary