

Council Meeting Minutes from February 18, 2018

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

Ben called the meeting to order at 10:50 am

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

B. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Recording Secretary (Marilu): Marilu presented minutes from 1/21/18 meeting.
2. Financial Reports (Chris): Chris presented financials through 01/31/18.
3. Description 01/1/18:

General	8525.00		\$-586.76
Building Fund			
<u>Total Expenses</u>		<u>8266.40</u>	
Totals as of 01/31/18:	\$8525.00	\$8266.40	\$-328.16
4. Worship & Parish Life Committee (Jessi): Nothing to report
5. Education Committee (Ben): Nothing to report
6. Missions Committee (Lori): Will meet with missions to get money allocated.
7. Finance Committee (Chris): Nothing to report
8. Pastor's Report: Pastor gave an attendance update Average for the end of Jan and 1st 2 weeks in Feb (including Ash Wednesday) was 53. Pastoral visits/calls were 4 with 2 communions served during visits and 1 funeral for Thelma Gutknecht. Pastor gave a review of the Spiritual Renewal Conference in Arizona was Jan 24-27. "**Keep the main thing the main thing**", 4 levels in the Church Decision-making Process: 1. Mission – Our calling in the name of Christ (salvation, outreach, love) 2. Identity – Guiding principles of our congregation (How we do "church") 3. Administrative – what affects the church's efficiency (staffing, budget) 4. Personal Preference – Variable (color of carpets, time of meetings, etc.). Keep the focus on Mission and Identity. 1 Corinthians 2:2 "For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified." Lent services and suppers will be Wednesday nights with supper at 5:30 and Lenten service at 6:30. Confirmation camp at Riverside is June 24-29 with Pastor and 3 youth going at that time. 1 youth will go at a later date. Pastor will be on Vacation from May 22 – June 13.
9. Building & Grounds Committee (Elwin) - Nothing to report.
10. Pastor Mark made the motion to approve reports and Chris seconded the motion. Motion carried.

C. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Making payments to the Missions on a quarterly basis. Missions will meet to get money allocated, then will make payments to the to meet the budgeted amount.
2. Reaching out to members - Pastor and Lori will get together and get a list of people to visit.
3. Two door closers have been replaced. Ed donated the one for the back door, Ben and Garry installed. Elwin donated the one for the south door up front and installed it.
4. Soup Supper – March 25th. Julie, Deb & Carrie will head this supper. Lori and Jessi will bake cookies and have all the youth decorate 1 dozen each to sell. Proceeds for the cookies that the youth sell will go to the Sunday School for them to decide where to donate the money.
5. Endowment – Brad took a draw of \$5,400. The Pastor made a motion & Jessi 2nd. to put that money, along with \$1,000 designated from Thrivent Choice towards the principal loan payment. Also \$900 from God's acre to go to the Food Resource Bank. Motion carried.
6. Maintenance schedule. Ben will get together with Elwin to get the schedules set up.

D. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Basement safe – It was suggested we get rid of it or move it out of the way before the soup supper. It was discussed it still contains old files from the church. Will see if the wheels can be lubricated to move it to a better spot.
2. Memorial money. What is needed done in the church. It was discussed that we to have windows or the steeple that the money could to towards, or check on an endowment.

E. NEXT MEETING DATE:

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

F. ADJOURNMENT:

1. Marilu made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chris seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. The meeting was adjourned at 11:55am with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marilu Degener, Recording Secretary