



St. Luke Lutheran Church

Church Council Meeting Minutes – Monday, May 22, 2017 @ 6:00pm

Invited Attendees:

Kerri Ast	X	Laine Loff	X	Marie Leafblad	X		
Carolyn Byrd	X	Chris Ojstrsek	A	Michelle Kiekaefer	A		
Cherie Callies	X	Rob Rueth	A	Shelly Schulteis	A		
John Heidke	X	Terry Wussow	X				
Scott Koerner	X						

Opening devotion: Carolyn reflected on the past Sunday's connectedness among all aspects of the service and how it all tied into the process we are going through as a church and as a Council. The Holy Spirit is moving!

Discussion on Interviews with Interim Pastor Candidates - Marie, Cherie, Scott, John, Laine, Carolyn and Terry attended both candidates' interviews. Each member gave their opinion on both candidates. All agreed both had a lot to offer and that both were highly qualified. The general consensus was that Pastor Steve's gifts and talents could best guide us through the interim process. Scott motioned to make a call to Pastor Steve. Carolyn seconded. Passed unanimously. Terry will talk to Kristin for guidance on next steps.

New Business:

Financial Report: John met with Michelle to discuss Council's questions about April's report and cleared up the questions brought forth at last meeting. John is pursuing getting Quick Books installed on his personal computer so he can more closely monitor and communicate with Michelle and Council on accounting practices. TechSoup offers software subscriptions to non profits for a small fraction of what we are currently paying so John's software will not add any additional cost to the budget. Scott moved to approve April financial reports, Kerri seconded, passed unanimously.

Vote on New Missionary: John moved to have Alex LaChapelle become the new missionary supported by St. Luke. Carolyn seconded, passed unanimously.

Request for using the Church by Clayton: Carolyn will contact Clayton to discuss terms and concerns about his request to allow a 10 piece band use the basement for rehearsals on Wednesday evenings two times a month. Even though he is not a member, he contributes time and talent to Easter and Christmas worship, and his wife, daughter-in-law and grandkids are active members. He will be charged \$50/month, we'll request his flexibility to allow precedence of funerals or other church business, and that they would start at 8 pm or later to allow for Wednesday night worship throughout the year.

Fundraising Requests: No new requests. Marie will submit a request for the Bunk Bed fundraiser, currently in progress.

List of New Members that are not baptized: Terry will work with staff to get a list from last two years to determine number of nonbaptized members as a first step.

Church sign: Terry and John will communicate to Jerry that this is a low priority item at this time due to budget constraints. John will let Jerry know where he and Steve Stollberg determined the placement of the sign should be for Jerry's future reference.



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Other? **John** will discuss with Michelle how to account for non-charitable giving by members towards Pr. Matt's gift card.

Marie will talk to Rob about having Jerry coordinate an inside clean-up day at the church. In the future this could be done together with the outside clean-up day.

Personal paid time off. The Personnel Team is working on a formal PTO policy for full time (34+ hours) employees. Seeing that Michelle has faithfully served this congregation for many many years Carolyn moved to give Michelle 2 weeks PTO for 2017 with further details to be worked out in the policy and reported to council. Terry seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

Town hall meeting to discuss MET' process and update on Interim Pastor (necessary?) **It was decided to announce on June 4th that there will be a Town Hall on June 11th. All: Come to the next meeting with some ideas for nominees for the "community based" member of the MET. We should think about creating a visual timeline to communicate the upcoming process**

Monthly Council Meetings

June 12 @ 6:00 PM (devotion-Scott)
June 26 @ 6:00 PM (devotion-Kerri)

Closing Prayer **Meeting adjourned 7:40**

Meeting Agenda respectfully submitted by Cherie Callies, Council Secretary

CC:

Council Members
Michelle Kiekhaefer
Marie Leafblad
Shelly Schulteis