

St. John Lutheran
Congregation Council Meeting
Tuesday, August 21, 2018

Present: Pastor Lewton, President Marcusen, Richard Benz, Jared Bookhardt, Jesse Kilwein, Darlene Pelton, Seth Poland, Linda Splichal, Jon Tangen, and Sandra Moos

Absent: Pastor Natwick, Tasha Gartner, Jennifer Jung, Susan Moberg, Dan Pender,

Also, Present was Brittany Wentz representing the Trust Fund.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Jared Bookhardt led us in Devotions. We discussed Chapter 5 of The Agile Church by Dwight J. Zscheile.

Administrative Reports

Consent Agenda- Jon Tangen made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda; this motion was seconded by Seth Poland, the motion carried.

Financial Statement- Pastor Lewton gave us a review of the report.

Trustee Report-

- Jon Tangen reported that 2 pads have been poured for the shed that will be built measuring 6' x 8' that will house garden supplies, the electrical panel and sprinkler controls.
- Quote for the shed is \$2,438 with prefinished siding and \$1,132 with a primed siding
- The safe for the sacristy is on backorder.
- Sign- Keith Signs has been contacted regarding a replacement sign with a new logo. Quotes received were for a rolling screen display. A 29" x 6' wide sign would cost \$11,000 and 29" x 7'3" for \$12,300. They will draw out the sign for us to visualize.
- Tiles on Roof- Approximately 300 tiles were found above the organ area, Jerry found a reclamation company in Colorado that could provide us with additional tiles. Cost of the roof will be the deductible of \$5,000 for each slope. The funds for this project will come from line 1026 Building Fund.
- Wayne Jahner has been contacted regarding the air-conditioning on the upper floor of the church.
- Great Plains Rehab has been contacted regarding a staircase chair for handicap access to the top level of the church. Approximate cost will \$5,000 - \$8,000. plus, electrical. This would possibly come from the long-term building fund and will be discussed at the budget meetings.

President Marcusen thanked the Trustee for their work.

Communications

- Prairie Winds United Methodist Church sent a note to inform us that they will have services beginning September 9th in their new building. An invite to a thank-you picnic on September 16th was included.
- Badlands Bible Camp sent 2 certificates of appreciation for services
- Mission Investment Fund sent an annual report
- Abigail Moberg and Kylee Showalter sent thank-you cards for supporting them in youth ministries at the Badlands Bible Camp.

Pastoral Reports

Pastor Lewton

- Next month the Council and Trust Fund will hold a joint meeting; the last joint meeting was in 1992. Amy Graves and Pastor Lewton will put an agenda together for the meeting.
- Peace Lutheran is busy with their call process
- Next week is the final week for Pam Weidner and Ella Nesheim. Tammy Krenz will be transferring to Custodian.
- Leadership for Faithful Innovation, first meeting will be in September
- Visiting Seminary staff will be here on September 8th and 9th
- Worship and Music Committee met and it was decided that the Worship and Music will be staff led vs Volunteer led. A staff team will meet every other month. The team will consist of Michael Stevenson, Barb Arneson, Cheryl Hewson and Pastor Lewton. This change may cause our by-laws to be changed. 4 members will be contacted to work on the by-laws, once a change takes place the congregation will be contacted by letter 30 days prior to the annual meeting.
- The staff retreat was held last week, they did a Strength Finders workshop.

Unfinished Business

Legacy of Faith Campaign- attention will be drawn to the campaign in November to raise the remaining funds needed.

Church Logo- Carter Blend submitted numerous logos for us to look at. Council members voted on their 1st and 2nd choices. This will be revisited in a month.

New Business

Approval of new Members and Reinstatements- Darlene Pelton made a motion to approve new members: Maria Fairfield, Kolten Knodel & Madison Steier, Katie & Marina Kraft, Kylie Olson, Derin & Louise, Davin, Owin & Landin Seibel, Courtney, Ariel & Dorian Smith, Matthew & Jennifer, Kiera & Trystan Watters, Deb Williams and reinstated members: Samantha Janke and Tyler Kick, this motion was seconded by Jesse Kilwein, motion carried.

Revised Job Descriptions- Council reviewed the revisions to the Senior Pastor, Church School Director, Groundskeeper and Custodian Job Descriptions. Jesse Kilwein made a motion to accept the revisions that were presented, this motion was seconded by Linda Splichal. Jess Kilwein made a motion to increase pay for the Groundskeeper and Custodian to a salary of \$32,016, this motion was seconded by Jared Bookhardt, motion carried. Jess Kilwein rescinded his motion to state that the salary of the Grounds Keeper be \$13,248 and Custodian 18,768. which totals \$32,016 and needs to be in effect on September 1st, 2018. This motion was seconded by Jared Bookhardt, motion carried.

Salary of Office Administrator- A motion was made by Jess Kilwein to pay the Office Administrator \$15.00 per hour beginning September 1, 2018. This motion was seconded by Seth Poland, motion carried.

Christmas Concert- Senior Choir and Hand bell Choir will hold a Christmas Choir Concert on Thursday, December 20th in place of worship.

Next Meeting is September 18, 2018- and will be a joint Council and Trust Fund Committee Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 pm. with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted

Sandra Moos, Council Recording Secretary