

St. John Lutheran
Congregation Council Meeting
Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Pastor Lewton, Pastor Natwick, President Tim Wegner, Glenice Hanson, Margaret Marcusen, Susan Moberg, Dan Pender, Jon Tangen, Russ Murphy, Bobby Kubas, Linda Splichal, Mike Parke and Sandra Moos

Absent: Jerry Schwartz, Christina Jorgensen, Cora Tormaschy

The meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

Susan led the meeting with discussion on the final chapter of the book “The Promise of Despair” by Andrew Root. At the end of our discussion, we were led in prayer.

Administrative Reports

Consent Agenda- The Financial Report was excluded from the Consent Agenda. Mike Parke moved to accept the Consent Agenda items and the motion was seconded by Margaret Marcusen. Motion passed.

After Mike Parke reviewed the Financial Report and questions were answered, Linda Splichal moved to accept the Financial Report as presented, this motion was seconded by Jon Tangen. Motion passed.

Trustee Report- Concerns of Snow on the roof and downspouts were discussed and will be watched and followed up by Ray and the trustees.

Communications- Thank you cards are posted in the Commons Area. The Council Members were encouraged to look at them. No communications were presented.

Pastoral Reports

Pastor Natwick is working on an Intergenerational Faith Formation Event that will take place on February 1st. The year 2017 marks the 500th anniversary of the work of Martin Luther, this year we will have many celebrations honoring and learning about Martin Luther beginning with 6 weeks of history classes that will take place each Sunday and Wednesday. Joe will attend the Metigoshe Ministries trip to Germany in September to tour Lutherland.

Pastor Lewton announced that the Stewardship campaign “Abundant and Free” will focus on Love in February, the focus was Baptism for January. Pastor Lisa reported that worship attendance has increased by 6% compared to the previous year. Wednesday nights continue to be very vibrant.

Unfinished Business

Legacy of Faith Campaign has received \$275,000 to date. There are 6 weeks remaining to receive pledges. The DVRCC delivered their Temple Talk on January 15th, Faith Simonieg representing the Synod will conduct one on January 22nd. Letters have been mailed asking for contributions and pledges, these are being followed up by committee members.

Visioning for the property at 141 5th Ave West- The committee met this evening. JLG Architecture is gifting us approximately \$6,000 in services to design the property. The committee is meeting with JLG next week to convey their vision of the property. A final drawing should be available in the spring.

Nominating Committee- Darlene Pelton, Jesse Kilwein and Tasha Gartner will serve on the council.

New Business

Approval of Synod's 2017 Statement of Mission Support- Glenice Hanson made a motion to accept the statement as presented, Mike Parke seconded the motion, Motion carried.

Audit Committee: A motion made by Jon Tangen to accept the Audit Committee candidates; Lacy Paulicek (3 year term), Kyle Klein (2 year term), Seth Poland (1 year term), motion was seconded by Margaret Marcusen. Motion carried.

Added Agenda Item

Council Retreat will be held on February 10th and 11th at Badlands Bible Camp. The event will start at 6 pm on Friday and conclude at 4 pm on Saturday. Council Members were asked to volunteer for meals.

Next Meeting: will take place during the retreat.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Sandra Moos
Council Recording Secretary