

St. John Lutheran
Congregation Council Meeting
Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Pastor Lewton, Pastor Natwick, President Tim Wegner, Glenice Hanson, Margaret Marcusen, Susan Moberg, Dan Pender, Jerry Schwartz, Jon Tangen, Mike Parke, Christina Jorgensen and Sandra Moos

Staff Attendees: Pam Weidner

Absent: Russ Murphy, Bobby Kubas, Linda Splichal, Cora Tormaschy

The meeting began at 7:05 p.m.

Administrative Reports

Consent Agenda- President Wegner removed item C4 from the consent agenda. Margaret Marcusen moved to accept the Consent Agenda items and the motion was seconded by Susan Moberg. Motion passed.

Trustee Report- Completed projects include the flooring in the basement and fence at the parsonage. The Steffan house has been demolished. Cleanup of the lot, fill dirt, removal of dead trees, fence and hedge along the west end of the property will be removed.

Communications- A thank you card from Jakelle Corneil was received. Other correspondence from Great Plains Food Bank and ND Lutheran Campus Ministry were circulated.

Pastoral Reports

Pastor Natwick recently attended a Continuing Education course in California. He is looking forward to the Fall Festival that is coming up.

Pastor Lewton reported that the Methodist Church is requesting use of St. John's for meetings, Bible Studies and weddings. They will have worship at Ladbury's Funeral Home. Christmas and New Years falls on Sundays this year. One service at 10 am will be held. Lisa will be gone on November 27th.

Old Business

Legacy of Faith Campaign was approved by the Congregation. Letters will be sent out to possible donors.

Visioning for the property at 141 5th Ave West- to be discussed at the next Council Meeting after the committee meets.

Parking/Access- requests thru the bulletin has not brought anyone forward to work on the project. Requests will continue in the bulletin regarding sharing of rides.

New Business

First reading of 2017 budget- The preliminary budget was reviewed with Council.

2017 Trust Fund budget was moved to the December meeting.

Approval of New Members: Glenice Hanson made a motion to accept Tracy & Rylan Braaten; Katie, Jacob & Harper Hammontree; Rick, Lisa & Joshua Kleinwaechter; Kelly, Derek, Kimber & Oliver Logan; Tyler and Jaxon Neuberger; Kami, Jake, and Reid Peterson; Craig, Amanda & Easton Putala; Claire, Zachary & Chloe Schlabsz; Shea Thomas; Jim, Heather, Burkley, Jersi & Bianca Luchi as new members. This motion was seconded by Jerry Schwartz. Motion carried.

Audit Committee: was moved to the December Council meeting.

Council Retreat will be held at Badlands Ministries on February 10th and 11th, 2017.

Sidewalk – North of new property was added to the agenda. This sidewalk needs to be replaced, it is in bad condition. Jon and Jerry will work on getting costs and arranging for replacement of it as soon as possible. Susan Moberg made a motion to have the trustees proceed with the replacement, this motion was seconded by Dan Pender.

Other Discussion: A motion was made by Mike Parke to submit the costs of the parsonage fence to the Trust Fund, this motion was seconded by Dan Pender.

The annual meeting will be scheduled for February 5th, 2017 and will be held between services.

The trees on our new property will be removed by Ken Steir.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, Dec. 20th at 7:00 p.m., preceded by the Executive Committee at 6:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Sandra Moos
Council Recording Secretary