

St. John Lutheran
Congregation Council Meeting
November 21, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Pastor Lewton, Pastor Natwick, President Tim Wegner, Margaret Marcusen, Susan Moberg, Darlene Pelton, Dan Pender, Linda Splichal and Sandra Moos

Absent: Jerry Schwartz, Tasha Gartner, Jesse Kilwein, Loren Mathson, Jon Tangen, Cora Tormaschy and Pete Leno

The meeting began at 7:00 p.m.

Linda Splichal led us in devotions and discussion of Chapters 5 and 6 of the book; Reclaiming the “L” Word by Kelly A. Fryer.

Administrative Reports

Consent Agenda- The Consent Agenda was approved by Council with no objections.

Financial Statement- no report

Trustee Report- Pastor Lewton reported that the Sound System and Sewer projects are completed. We are still waiting for information on the roof, but the loose tiles will need to be dealt with very soon.

Communications- none

Pastoral Reports

Pastor Natwick reported that the Fall Festival that was held last Wednesday was well attended, he guessed approximately 200 people attended. It included a meal and festival, he saw many new faces there. There is a video on Facebook. The Youth Group raised \$500.

Planning for the 2018 Mission trip is being discussed. Jim Ozburn suggested going to Puerto Rico for hurricane relief. If this will be the destination; it will not be a mystery trip. Kaitlyn researched Praying Pelicans; they would do the coordination once there, she created a budget. She is anticipating 40 students participating, they will need to do some fund raising. Parent meetings are being planned.

Cora has been hired and has started in her role, she is awesome and very positive.

The Dykemans have resigned as of the end of December from Peace Lutheran.

Pastor Lewton will make a suggestion to the Trust Fund to buy down the mortgage at Peace Lutheran by \$10,000. This will free up their funds to do ministry.

Pastor Natwick’s contract needs to be corrected to the number of Sundays that he has off. It states that he has 6 but it should be 8; this would match what Pastor Lewton is allowed. Susan Moberg made a motion to amend his contract to 8 Sundays per year off, this motion was seconded by Margaret Marcusen. Motion carried.

In the next 2 weeks a meeting with Steve Tangen about Strategic Planning will happen.

During Lent; on Wednesday night and Sunday mornings adult classes, the topic will be a new way to look at the Bible.

Council retreat will be March 23rd and 24th.

Unfinished Business

Legacy of Faith Campaign- currently has pledges of \$341,085. To date \$207,257 has been spent on the property, leaving a balance of \$17,743 for property.

Church Logo- is still in the works. Sonnie has contacted DSU for help with this

New Business

Approval of New Members- Darlene Pelton made a motion to approve the following to be members; Kent, Michele, Seth, Julia, Rose & Kyle Anderson; Kevin, Kellie, Kambree, Kyler & Karver Kallenbach; Adam Ness; Cristina Ridl, Brenna Faulhaber & Paisley Mack; Jason, Michele, Emily, Abbygail, Chloe, Shaylynn & Mathew Schmidt; Lauren Schumacher; TJ, Miranda, McKenzie & Caleb Swisher; Dustin, Dana, Kailee, Karlee, Kinlee & Kenzee Tescher; Karlie Wanner. Approval of Reinstated Members: Dayton Getz and Nicole Young, Destiny and Myra Getz (children), this motion was seconded by Linda Splichal. Motion carried.

Nominating Committee- a list of candidates has been compiled; a letter will be sent, followed by phone calls to elect 2 deacons, 2 trustees and 2 Trust Fund members.

Review of 2018 Trust Fund Budget- presented to the Council was the 2018 Giving Plan,

Review second draft of 2018 Budget- a copy of the purposed budget was circulated. Changes from the first draft included: line 199 added for Tammy's hours, line 74 increased to \$3,000 and line 27 adjusted to \$9,800. A final draft will be presented and voted on in December.

Personnel Committee Continuing Resolution- Pastor Lewton distributed a copy of the Continuing Resolution. Susan Moberg made a motion to approve this resolution, the motion was seconded by Margaret Marcusen. Motion carried. Linda Splichal made a motion to appoint Brittaney Smith, Candace Statton and Guy Moos to the Personnel Committee, the motion was seconded by Darlene Pelton. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 19th at 7:00 p.m., preceded by the Executive Committee at 6:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 pm. with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted

Sandra Moos, Council Recording Secretary