

Creator Lutheran Church

Council Meeting

May 24, 2016

President Ron Noborikawa called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Attendance: Council members present: President Ron Noborikawa, President-Elect Rich Heineman, Secretary Jan Shabro, Treasurer, Marcie Reid, Director of Operations Dan Totten, Treasurer-Elect Laurie Bruckbauer and Pastor Heidi Calhoun.

Excused Absence: Secretary-Elect Tammy Billings-Funk

Approval of Minutes: Dan Totten moved to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded and passed.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Heidi reported that there are several baptisms scheduled, and a lot of folks are interested in a new members' class. Due to the time of year, we will wait until fall. It looks like a large fall class. There are also many mission opportunities presenting themselves so we are primed for seeking out the best new mission initiatives for our congregation. She also named people who were experiencing health problems and needed prayers.

Treasurer's Report: Marcie and Laurie gave a joint report – giving is down about \$4,000 per month. As a result, a joint letter will be sent to the congregation from the council and finance committee reminding people to be faithful in their giving - especially with the upcoming summer months when giving is down.

A discussion ensued, and Rich suggested that we develop a plan that outlines what cuts would be made if giving is not increased. Dan Totten moved to accept the financial report, it was seconded and passed.

Old Business:

Laurie gave a preschool update. She listed the following names as interim board members who will meet and update the preschool bylaws: Kristin Liedtke, Wendy Swanson, Kari Swanson, Marilyn Kelley, Margaret Moore, Andrea DeDominces, Laurie Bruckbauer and Gayle McKenna. The council approved the interim board members.

Ron explained the “Breeze Church Management System,” a cloud based program, that will integrate our church’s three data bases and give us enhanced management tools that will help with administration and help organize volunteer activities. There is no startup fee, free online help, and costs \$50/month. The council voted and approved that the staff move ahead in getting the new Breeze software post haste.

Rich reported on the results of the Saturday Congregational Assessment Tool workshop. He presented a plan of “next steps” that will be presented at the June 5th congregational meeting. Jan moved to accept the plan, the motion was seconded and passed.

New Business:

Ron discussed the need for a New Council Transition Plan. It was decided that both the old and new council members would meet at the June 21st meeting at 6:30 p.m. A subsequent early fall retreat would continue new council orientation and training.

Other action items: Laurie moved to accept Doug Wright’s proposed change of insurance carriers (presented at the April meeting – it would cost less). It was seconded and passed.

Laurie also moved to move an IRS health care insurance refund check, \$ 2,543.00, to the general fund. The motion was seconded and passed.

Dan moved to adjourn, the motion was seconded and passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Shabro, Secretary