

Creator Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting  
July 14, 2014

Present: Katrina Minton-Davis, Tom Barr, Sara Mahnke, Pastor Elaine Swigart, Keith Marshall, Ron Noborokowa, Marcie Reid, Kevin Davis, Nicole Spenny, Jan Shabro

Guests: None

Absent: None

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Devotions/Prayer: Pastor Elaine shared a devotion on Luke: 11 parable. Jesus teaching his disciples to pray. Ask and it will be given to you, search and you will find. Elaine related to her experience of being awakened in the middle of the night. Concern and fear about the reason. If you respond because your neighbor knocks, how much more will God respond if we ask for help persistently. In our world we have an assumption of scarcity. Compare this to thinking about our abundance - talent, resources, gifts, money, etc. Abundance of God's love for us. Elaine then opened the meeting with prayer.

Introductions/Icebreaker: Council members each introduced themselves to the group. Katrina provided the Rules of Order for Council meetings.

Minutes: Sara made a motion to accept the minutes of June council meeting as written. Marcie seconded. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report: This has been a very busy month. Good time. Winding down time. Elaine expressed gratitude for her time at Creator and how quickly it has gone by.

**Intern Report: Keith will provide**

Treasurer's Report: June revenue was slightly above expenses. Actual giving for June was \$32,448 and June expenses were \$30,992. This slight surplus was due to five Sundays in June. Discussion regarding budgeted vs. actual expenses. We are still behind budgeted expenses. Ministry teams aren't spending the amounts

budgeted for their work and ministry, because the funds aren't available. We also need to budget additional expenses associated with a new Pastor. Salary would be comparable to Elaine's, but Creator also needs to contribute 31% of Pastor's salary to medical and pension (the church contributed 5% for Elaine).

Tom moved to accept Treasurer's Report. Jan seconded. Motion passed.

Ministry Team Assignments were made:

Adult Education	Ron	Preschool	Sara
Advocacy	Tom	Property	Tom
Call Committee	Katrina	Small Groups	Katrina
Church in Society	Nicole	Stephen Ministry	Kevin
Fellowship	Jan	Stewardship	Marcie
Finance	Marcie	Worship	Ron
Foundation Fund	Jan	Youth & Family	Marcie
Intern	Nicole	Youth Education & VBS	Sara
Invitation & Outreach	Nicole		

Old Business:

Call Committee report - Notes were read by Katrina. **Katrina will email copy.**  
Meet and Greets scheduled for 7/16, 7/19 and 7/20.

New Business: Devotions scheduled

Prayer concerns of the group were shared and meeting closed with prayer.

Tom made motion to adjourn.

The meeting was closed with prayer at 8:30 p.m.

In His Service,  
Sara Mahnke  
Council Secretary

Next Scheduled Meeting: August 18, 2014

Snacks/Devotions: Marcie