

Creator Lutheran Church Council Minutes

January 17, 2016

President Ron Noborikawa called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

Council members present: President Ron Noborikawa, President Elect Gene Kneeland, Director of Operations Rich Heineman, Director of Operations Elect Joanne Hall, Laurie Bruckbauer Treasurer, Treasurer Elect Sheri Dunn, Secretary Tammy Funk, and Pastor Heidi Calhoun.

Excused: Michelle Ketter secretary elect.

Sheri opened our meeting in prayer. She shared the story of her complex faith journey. Being drawn to church, feeling safe and welcome and coming to terms with the conflicts and questions between our world and our faith.

The council minutes:

Council Minutes for December required further edits. Council will approved the December minutes by email vote.

Pastor's Report:

- Advent Adventures and Holden services had average attendance of 93 and were met with enthusiasm.
- Christmas Eve services were well attended: 4:30 had almost 200, 7:00 almost 200, 9:00 almost 100 attendees with overall total of 480
- Pastor presented her plan to designate \$27,000 of her salary for housing allowance. Approval of pastor's housing allowance was moved seconded and approved MSP.
- Blood Works Northwest has offered to have a blood drive at Creator. Council responded that we would consider organizing members to participate if the activity were to take place in a mobile station in the parking lot rather than within the building.

Treasurer Report:

- At the end of December the general fund had \$18,000.
- The finance committee's goal is to have a one-month reserve in the general fund. The goal amount is \$37,000
- Motion to approve the treasurers report – MSP
- **Old Business**
- Creator's Annual Report is has typically been presented in January. Council discussed

the timing and most effective method to celebrate and share Creator's mission activities with the congregation. After discussion council recommends that the annual report be assembled and made available to the congregation in the beginning of this year. One Sunday each month, a different ministry team will be asked to present their mission activities to be celebrated.

- Council recommends that the secretary elect will contact each committee to schedule a Sunday to share and celebrate.

New Business

- The roof has sustained damage and has dry rot necessitating costly repairs. Council requests that the finance committee and the property committee prepare a plan and proposal to address expenses for this and emerging building needs.
- Chris Grigg will retire from his long-term volunteer position as the financial secretary. Council plans to thank Chris for his long tenure of sharing his expertise and time.
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- Office staff and the bookkeeper will complete financial secretary duties. The constitution requires revisions to remove the volunteer role of financial secretary.
- Baptismal Font progress and details: Council met in the sanctuary to review location of the new baptismal font. After discussing options for location council members agreed that the center back row of main sanctuary seems like the best location.

Closing Prayer / Meeting Adjourn

Pastor Heidi led the council in a closing prayer.

Council MSP to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Funk

Council Secretary

Upcoming Dates

Kris Rock will present "Becoming a Missional Church" at adult ed. January 29.

Next Council meeting: February 21

Highlights:

Council discussed and is looking forward to the new baptismal font.

Chris Grigg to retire from long term volunteer duties as the financial secretary.

Staff will perform these duties. Creator's constitution will be amended remove requirement for financial secretary.

Annual report is forthcoming in early 2017

Action Items:

Ron will revise the constitution.

Pastor will communicate with Blood Works Northwest

Michele to contact each committee to schedule a Sunday to share and celebrate.

Shari will communicate the request for collaboration of property and finance committees.