



Council Meeting – December 18, 2018

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Monty Euston, Laurie Bruckbauer, Paula Eismann, Janice Pendergast, Mike Rutkosky, Robb Winchell. Quorum Established.

Guest Judi Richardson

Called to order at 7:00 PM

Judi Reported for the Personnel Committee with a recommendation to increase Michaela's hours from the current 28 hours/week to 32 hours/week. This increase means Michela would work 7 hours on Tuesday.

Secretary's Report

Minutes are currently placed on the website by Michela as they are approved. Minutes are to be posted 2 weeks after approval.

Due to security reasons it was suggested that the minutes be posted on the Newsletter website rather than Creator's main website to avoid cyber malice.

Motion: After meeting minutes are approved, they should be posted in the newsletter website and posted in a binder in the church office and not on the current website. MSP

Motion: Approve November Meeting Minutes, and Amended Policy of the Pastors Discretionary Fund MSP

Treasurer's Report

Income for November was \$29,693 and expenses were \$27,526. The General Fund balance is (-\$4, 225).

Resolution 1: The Finance Team recommends approval of the report for November 2018, including: Profit and Loss Budget Performance for November 2018, and the Balance Sheet previous month comparison November 2018.

Resolution 2: The Finance Team recommends that the benevolence giving shall be paid forth e month of November, but paid in December (from November Receipts). The total sum on \$2969,

representing a full 10% of giving, shall be dispersed as 6% local giving (\$1781) and 4% Synod Giving (\$1188).

Motion to approve Resolution 1 as above. MSP

Motion to approve Resolution 2 as above. MSP

Ministry Team reports and requests -

Joint Council/Finance/Stewardship meeting scheduled for January 9, 2019. There is currently not a pressing issue for Finance and Stewardship.

Motion: Postpone the Joint Council/Finance/Stewardship meeting to a date to be determined in February. MSP

Congregational Meeting is scheduled for 1/27/19 from 9:30 AM to 10:45 AM. There will be a continental brunch between services. Congregation must be notified by non-electronic means (mail) as the primary method, and will be followed by electronic notification. This will be a celebration meeting. Reports will be submitted by ministry teams on the successes over the past year, and plans for the future. Mike and Janice will work on notifying the Congregation of the Meeting

Audit Committee report-

The Audit Committee has met several times. The Church portion of the audit is complete, the Preschool portion is still in process. Laurie will notify Jen Murray (bookkeeper) of the needed information to complete the audit.

There was a recommendation having a Joint Meeting with the Preschool Board and the Council.

Refugee Sponsorship Information-

Paula reports Pastor Steven Schumacher is inviting Creator and two other churches to join in hosting and supporting a refugee family through the Lutheran Community Services late in the next year. The cost is \$3,000 for start-up and a team of people to help families. The responsibilities of the team include attending and transporting the family in setting up Social Security services, Drs. Appointments, and assisting in setting up households.

The Council and the Missional Team feel this should be a decision of the congregation and that the individuals interested would need to be committed to help.

There was a recommendation to bring in Lutheran Community Services to talk with us.

This meeting will occur as an Adult Education on January 20, 2019. The Council recommends to proceed with the informational meeting on the 20th.

Management of Communications Report-

The Creator Cares meeting came up with individuals who needed care and who would be providing and the keep Pastor Nina informed.

New Business

In regards to the roof repair:

Motion: to give Douglas the Authority to explore further options of repair for the roof ASAP. MSP

Parking Lot: There has been a request to use the parking lot by a business in Sumner to rent the parking lot Monday through Friday and possibly Saturday for ~\$3,000/month. Council will await information and confirmation from Douglas.

Christmas Eve Offering:

Mike reports in the past the Christmas Eve Offering has gone to what the council designates.

Motion: the Christmas Eve Offering will be directed to the General Fund this year. MSP

Mike reports we have received a letter from the Synod noting our decrease in giving. Mike will investigate the intent of the letter if it is strictly informational or more.

Laurie closed in prayer.

Meeting Adjourned 8:58 PM

Respectfully Submitted:
Robb Winchell
Secretary