

Creator Lutheran Church Council Minutes

February 21, 2017

President Ron Noborikawa called the meeting to order at 6:37 pm.

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

Excused: Director of Operations Rich Heineman.

Ron opened our meeting in prayer. He shared his two favorite scripture passages centered around Micah 6:8 and John 21.

Pastor led the council in prayer.

The council minutes:

The council minutes for December were edited after the January meeting. Council approved the December minutes with edits by Motion, Second and Approval (MSP) via email vote.

January's minutes were approved as submitted by MSP.

Pastor's Report:

-Alice's memorial was wonderful. The day of her service the coffee maker quit working for good. This coffee maker was purchased with money from Pharis' memorial service money. Alice's memorial service money is just the right amount and will be used to purchase a new one.

Moneys remain that were designated to help the refugees that Creator helped in November. Council recommends that the remainder of the money become seed money for the next refugee families.

A part of the 500 year anniversary, the ELCA is engaging in dialog across the Country with Catholics to seek common understanding and reconciliation where wounds still need to heal. These groups internationally, nationally and locally seek to create dialog and make efforts to move beyond episodes in history that burden us and witness instead together to God's merciful grace made visible in the crucified and risen Christ.

Pastor Heidi has been invited to be a part of a local group of Lutheran and Catholic Clergy who have committed to monthly gatherings, study and worship together for the next year.

Pastor is looking into inviting Jack Fortin, mentor to Chris Rock to provide a lecture series after Easter regarding using the lens of Discernment to guide the mission of the church.

Pastor proposes leadership and staff complete a book study on Fortin's book The Centered Life before his lecture series.

Treasurer Report:

- YTD giving is \$143,881. At the end of January the general fund is just about \$17,000.
- The finance committee's goal is to have a one-month reserve in the general fund. The goal amount is \$37,000
- Confidence is high that our current budget will be met.
- Budget preparation meeting will take place in April. Ministry team leaders will be invited.
- The Finance committee will complete an audit as a team in March.
- Finance policies are being defined and documented by Donald Eismann and will be presented to the finance committee
- Council approved the treasurer's report – MSP
- Old Business
- Constitution update- Creator's most recent constitution revision is dated June 2016.

The ELCA has recommendations regarding requirements for all congregations to have in their constitutions. Ron will incorporate all of these revisions and present it to the synod.

- Staffing update- Pastor provided an update on the division of duties between staff.
- Creator's Annual Report 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 Lenten Service offering was discussed. Council approved by MSP to designate Lent service offering to Street Psalms.
- Creator's roof requires repairs. Council discussed options presented including replacement vs. repair. Gene will seek more in depth discovery and recommendations from the property committee and the foundation committee in order to better inform council's decision.
- Council discussed three major areas to be addressed within the next 6 months. Ministry Team structure, Staffing and Capitol planning.
- Council approved by MSP plan for Elect council members to meet one additional time for the months of March April May June to address these areas of growth and change and to establish a reasonable timeline. —

Closing Prayer / Meeting Adjourn

Pastor Heidi led the council in a closing prayer.

Council MSP to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Funk

Council Secretary

Upcoming Dates:

March 1 7:00 Ash Wednesday March 1

March 21 6:30 Next Council meeting

May 6 5:30 Council dinner with Confirmands

Highlights:

Action Items:

Ron will revise the constitution.

Gene will seek more in depth discovery and recommendations from the property committee and the foundation committee in order to better inform council's decision.