

Faith Lutheran Church

Council Minutes

January 9, 2019

Present: Carol Blankenburg, Phil Blankenburg, Paul Nelson, Jim Ballsrud, [Kathy Sowinski](#), Louie Hillier, Greg Hanselman, Kellie Hanselman, Brianna Gregg, Sharon Fotzler, Paige Buck and Steve Sparenburg

Absent: Pastor Damery

Jim Ballsrud opened the meeting at 7:00 pm with prayer.

December Council minutes were approved.

Pastor Report

No Report

Youth/Education Report-Kathy Sowinski

Youth set up and cleaned up for the 2018 Advent dinners. All donations went toward the youth gathering in 2019. Calendars are sold out! Youth are planning a few more fundraisers for spring. 9 youth are regularly involved in Church activities.

Financial Secretary – Paul Nelson

\$17,963.26 general fund contributions in December 2018

\$245 building fund contributions in December 2018

Treasurer Report – Sharon Fotzler

Wrap up for 2018 was given including some overage explanation, including more stamps because of the expected increase per stamp, altar guild candle expenses and additional use of Angie to play for worship.

Reserved accounts will be condensed for 2019. Unreserved amounts total \$65,323.09.

The new budget for 2019 will be 110% of what actual collections were for 2018. With the actual spent amount for 2018, due to staffing changes, we have a cushion to allow for building upgrades.

Mortgage balance going into 2019 is \$188,920

Greg Hanselman motioned to approve the proposed 2019 budget. Carol Blankenburg seconded, motion approved.

Stewardship – Phil Blankenburg

2019 time and talents sheets are due as the schedule is being made currently. Richard Wright has agreed to be part of the Stewardship committee for 2019 season.

Elders – Greg Hanselman

Pastor Damery has been a large blessing to the congregation in all accounts, teaching, preaching, counselling, etc. The Elders recommend increasing Pastor's salary to 75% of what is currently budgeted for housing and salary in the Pastor role. Phil Blankenburg motion to approve this increase with Louie Hillier seconding it. Motion approved.

CID did communicate back to Faith Lutheran letting us know that they will get a list of candidates next Friday, January 18 for the call committee. The hope is to keep the call committee as close the same as possible with the transition of new committee members on the different church committees.

Trustees – Louis Hillier

Two carpet quotes were received and discussed. The estimate would be about \$19,000. Snow plowing is scheduled for the rest of the season.

Evangelism – Carol Blankenburg

More magnetic signs have been made for Faith Lutheran. Faith will serve as Meals on Wheels drivers every 8 weeks, 1 week at a time. The sign for the north end of town is still pending.

Fellowship – Kellie Hanselman

Advent by Candlelight was hosted in December, which was well attended. January's event will be packaging care packages for college age students. Jenna Clark will be the group chair as well as Lynnea Blackburn joining the group. Kellie and Lynn will stay on as ad-hoc members.

Chairman's Report – Jim Ballsrud

CID has still not approved constitution changes.

Sunday is the voters meeting which will present the 2019 budget as well as the committee members. The agenda for the meeting includes review of last years minutes, review of written reports, approval of reports, election of 2019 officers and members, review of 2019 budget, call committee update and voting on placing a call to St. Louis and closing.

Approval of Committee Reports

The committee reports were all approved.

Next Meeting

February 13, 2019

Jim closed the meeting with Lord's Prayer at 8:20 pm.

Action Items

- Constitution/ByLaws Amendments-Chairman (Waiting for approval from CID)
- Information Brochure – Evangelism (wait for new minister)
- Church Signs – Evangelism (one sign remaining)
- Obtain list of all member and attendance records - Evangelism