

Faith Lutheran Church- Council Minutes

July 12, 2017

Present: Jim Ballsrud, Sharon Fotzler, Brianna Gregg, Paul Nielsen, Dave Trimble, Mark Freundt, Paige Buck, Phil Blankenburg, Carol Blankenburg, Kathy Sowinski (for Jennifer Trevillian)

Absent: Jennifer Trevillian, Pastor Bueltmann

Called to order by Jim Ballsrud at 7:03 with Jim saying a prayer.

Chairman- Jim Ballsrud

Continued general discussion throughout the meeting about the budget and member attendance as it seems to touch every committee.

The congregation is VERY thankful to the team of volunteers for VBS and believe they've done an amazing job.

Please e-mail pastor to confirm committee responsibilities.

Pastor Report- Pastor Bueltmann

No Report- currently at school.

Youth/Education Report- Kathy Sowinski for Jennifer Trevillian

Best VBS at Faith on record. 30 registered- 28 attended, 21 were non-members. \$185.01 was collected for the food pantry plus 300 items (which equaled a pie in the face as a reward). \$586.93 total cost for the week. 15 volunteers, 5 of which were youth. Very interactive-meaty curriculum this year with great props for the kids to have fun with throughout the week.

Financial Secretary- Paul Nielsen

Building fund total: \$14,020.00

Yr to Date Deposits: \$105,353.40

Treasurer Report- Sharon Fotzler

Would like to reiterate committees to follow the budget line items to ensure we stay on or under budget. Line items that are legitimate, but are not usual for the month are highlighted.

Unreserved funds is \$9,577 moving forward. Cash flow analysis was given outlining set costs and automatic withdrawals. Based on averages, the tentative balance is \$8,787 at the end of July. Action items need to be discussed moving forward because something needs to be done to increase input.

- Decrease expenses
- Benchmark against other similar congregations through CID or LCMS
- Grow members
- Look at estate planning
- Fundraiser for the general fund
- There is an emergency fund through Jean Ballsrud memorial of \$12,000

Stewardship- Phil Blankenburg

Time and talents is gathered and articulated for services through November. Phil will continue to make monthly announcements about the budget and the state of affairs for our congregation financially.

Elder Report- Dave Trimble

Elders have been following the CID's recommendation which is a 2.38% increase in Pastor's annual salary. Insurance was taken into discussion with talk about the marketplace today. Also talk of the total budget that includes \$4,000 toward continuing education which can wait to be discussed until later on in December.

Mark Fruendt motioned to approve the increase in the Pastor salary to 2.38% and Phil Blankenburg seconded. Motion carried.

With Pastor being the circuit pastor for CID, Friendship Lutheran requested that Pastor B serve as a once a month for the 9:00 service to do the sermon and communion. Elders suggested that he do this until Adult bible school starts, but not after unless Friendship changes their service times.

Trustee- Mark Fruendt

Mortgage- they needed additional items before they consider the loan request including a financial statement.

Faith had to pay \$300 towards workman's compensation after an audit. Our current subcontractors are not interested in hosting their own insurance and not interested in receiving a 1099. Currently Faith will increase the contributions to workman's comp in hopes of not getting a penalized in the future.

Evangelism- Carol Blankenburg

Most of the events evangelism has done throughout the community have shown that they are a presence in the community. Evangelism is participating in the Willow Tree Celebration on August 12th in the afternoon as well as the Monticellobration Sept 16. However, they are looking at different approaches to be more than just a presence, more of an active community doer.

Fellowship- Paige Buck

Discussion of the celebration of the Reformation that could coincide with Oktoberfest.

For the Reformation Sunday, the Elders would like to put on a play as part of the service for October 22nd. St. John's is hosting a circuit wide service at 4:00 on October 29.

Approval of Committee Reports

Phil Blankenburg approved committee reports with Mark Fruendt seconding- motion carried.

New Business

None.

Meeting closed at 9:10 with prayer. The next meeting will be August 9 at 7:00