

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MINUTES

August 1, 2017

CALL TO ORDER: Council Vice President Bobbie Laciak called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

PRESENT: Bob Errett, Sue Ross, Suzy Flory, Bobbie Laciak, Megan Zobb, Jeanne Kiss, Merle Baker, Cindy Black, Kim von Schlichten, Pastor Kemp

Excused Absence: Brandie Saraceni, Amy Schultz

JOY OF THE DAY – Several joys this month.

OPENING PRAYER

PASTOR KEMP INTRODUCTION

MINUTES: Motion was made by Merle Baker to accept the minutes and seconded by Suzy Flory. Motion approved.

TREASURER’S REPORT: Motion was made by Bob Errett to accept the Treasurer’s Report and seconded by Jeanne Kiss. Motion approved.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

For Your Information:

1. 2018 budgets will be due next month for Finance Team to begin budget construction
2. Baby Cuddlers needed at Excelsa – newsletter and bulletin announcement

For Action: Executive Committee recommends:

ACTIVATION TEAM REPORTS:

Christian Education Meeting held July 18, 2017

1. National Youth Gathering: June 27 – July 1, 2018 in Houston Texas
 - a. Registration Fee
 - i. August 15– November 15, 2017: \$350
 - ii. November 16, 2017 - February 15, 2018: \$390
 - iii. February 16 - May 15, 2018: \$440
 - b. Contact the Church Office for Additional Detail
 - c. Information Session Tentatively Scheduled For October
2. Sunday School
 - a. Ordered Fall of 2017 Classroom Material
 - i. Classroom Teachers
 1. Preschool & Kindergarten - Erika Colonna
 2. 1st & 2nd Grade - Sue Boggs & Kelly Vuick
 3. 3rd & 4th Grade - Dianna Marusko
 4. 5th & 6th Grade - Megan Zobb
 5. 7th & Above - Molly Maga
 6. First Holy Communion & Confirmation
 - b. Looking For Guidance From Council On Direction Of The Programming
 - c. Rally Day
 - i. September 10th
 - ii. Theme: Picnic In The Park
 3. Youth Activities
 - a. Movie Night (September/October)
 - b. Game Night (October/November)
 - c. Ice Skating (January/February)
 - d. Bowling (March)
 - e. March For Parks (March)

Action needed by Council: Guidance

Property Meeting held July 26, 2017

1. Malcolm spoke on behalf of the Finance Committee about carpeting the sanctuary. It was decided to put on hold to a future date.
2. The parking lot sealer has been purchased and delivered. Installation date still pending.
3. The committee discussed sealing the west outside wall of the church to keep moisture out of the chancel arch.
4. It was agreed to replace two exit lights in the garage stairwells to bring it up to code.
5. The committee discussed locking garage stairwell door to keep vagrants and vandals out of the garage. A decision will have to go through council.

Action needed by Council: discussion on locking upper parking lot and stairwell.

Evangelism Did not meet

Finance Meeting held July 25, 2017 @ 7:30 PM

1. Opened with a prayer by Bob Errett
2. Mid-town Plaza project
 - a. Discussion on Tony's agreement
 - b. Discussed the Tax Appeal progress
 - c. Discussed ROI on Mid-town Plaza
 - d. History lesson on Mid-town Plaza
3. Tom gave a report from the Personnel Team. Next month, we'll have the numbers for next year's personnel budget.
4. Discussed the Carpeting project
 - a. Malcolm will take it back to Property Team tomorrow
 - b. Team decided that the B&R fund is not going to make enough money to cover this expense. We'll need to finance it a different way, or look at other options
5. Preschool financing discussed
 - a. Team thinks that the preschool is beginning to look like it will be ok
6. Discussed issues with the parking lot

Action needed by Council: None

Social Ministry No report submitted

Stewardship Did not meet

Worship and Music Meeting held July 30, 2017

1. Fall schedule – Sunday, September 10th – Rally Day
2. Choir begins Thursday, September 14th
3. The possibility of a Reformation Festival October 29th – Hymn Sing
4. Discussed services on December 24th – 4th Sunday in Advent and also Christmas Eve – time for services.
5. Discussed Christmas Day Service time
6. Marvin said Handbells need to be cleaned and repaired.

Action needed by Council:

Personnel Meeting held June 11, 2017

Five Key Pieces of information:

Began discussions on next years budget which will continue at the August Meeting.

Action needed by Council: None

Fellowship No report submitted.

Information Technology Meeting held July 16, 2017

1. Bob Errett to step down as chair of the team. Bobbie Laciak will remain as liaison/contact. Bob will continue with archiving.
2. The intern program will end after the present intern's tenure.
3. Erica Colonna will remain responsible for the website.
4. Computer issues will be handled as they arise by the office staff with the appropriate contractors.
5. CD's may not be available for shut-ins depending on volunteer presence for the sound system. Thanks to all volunteers.

Action needed by Council: None – Council needs to be aware of the status of the team.

Next Meeting Date: on Hiatus

Youth Did not meet

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) Sanctuary Carpet – Property recommends putting carpet on hold for five more years due to budget concerns
- 2) Discussion on Mid-town Plaza

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Pastor Kemp will discuss expectations of the confirmation class and the SCS program at the next Christian Ed meeting
- 2) Rebecca Brunetta makes a motion that the gate to the parking garage be closed on a daily basis (outside of Food Bank and Food from the Heart hours) to curtail vagrants from misusing the stairwell. Megan Zobb seconded the motion. Motion passes.
- 3) Discussion on training younger members on the sounds system, perhaps in the high school SCS class
- 3) Bob Errett made a motion to include Bethesda Lutheran Services flyer as a bulletin insert. Sue Ross seconded. Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Rebecca Brunetta and seconded by Suzy Flory to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved.

CLOSING PRAYER

Respectfully submitted,
Megan Zobb, Council Secretary