

Church Council Minutes

Tuesday, April 10, 2018 - 6:30 pm

Meeting Location:	OSLC

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1. The meeting was called to order by Secretary Jim Van't Land at 6:35 PM. Members present were Pastor Stephan Sandness, Laura Campbell, Rod Custer, Michelle Keil, Deb Kimbell, Cindy Koppinger, Tammi Martin, Dianne Miller, Tracy Johnson, Troy Hight, Kyle Vavruska and Jim Van't Land.
2. Kyle Vavruska shared a devotion about trusting God in all things, because through His transforming Grace in Christ He has shown His love for us.
3. The agenda was approved with a motion by Kyle Vavruska and a second by Tammi Martin. The motion carried.
4. March Council Meeting Minutes were approved with a motion by Jim Van't Land and a second by Troy Hight. The motion carried.
5. Tammi Martin shared the March Treasurer's report, noting that expenses exceeded giving by approximately \$2900 for the month, and by approximately \$8500 year-to-date. The Treasurer's report was approved with a motion by Deb Kimbell and a second by Troy Hight. The motion carried.
6. Pastor Stephan noted that Rocky Millis has resigned from the church council. Council members shared their appreciation for all of his hard work on behalf of the church during the years he was on council. A motion was made by Tracy Johnson to accept Rocky's resignation but also note our appreciation for his many contributions to Our Savior's Lutheran Church. Dianne Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried.
7. Staff Reports
 - a. Laura – provided pulpit supply in St. James Lutheran Church of Belle Fourche last month, but asked that we be in prayer for this congregation as they have been vacant for more than 2 years. Shared the leadership of the Women's Retreat at Outlaw Ranch this past weekend with 23 women in attendance. Potential new members have been contacted in preparation for the New Member Dinner on April 19 and the New Member Welcome at worship services on April 22.
 - b. Pastor Stephan – fought a virus for several weeks, but is much improved. Noted that Lent and Holy Week services were well attended and spiritually renewing. Easter attendance was especially large this year (approximately 750 people). The first of two End-Of-Life seminars was held this past Sunday and was well attended; the second seminar will be this coming Sunday. Busy church calendar between now and the end of May. Sabbatical planning is also under way; for the 10 week period from the last week of May through the month of July. A couple of staff members are currently experiencing serious family medical issues which may result in needing to work flexible hours to complete their workload; Pastor Stephan is working this out with them and Council supports this action.

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8. Committee Updates
 - a. Education – Deb Kimbell reported that the last KidZone will be April 11 & that 7th grade confirmation also finishes on April 11. 8th grade confirmation will continue to meet & conclude with Confirmation Sunday on May 20. VBS is scheduled for July 9-12. The committee is looking into a Wednesday evening program for younger kids.
 - b. Communication – Michelle Keil reported that progress has been made defining the new website “buttons” and linkages; the next step is to define details for each web page. Next meeting is scheduled for April 26 at 7:00 PM.
 - c. Friendship Ministry – Laura Campbell noted that the Friendship Ministry team has meetings planned for the next 2 months, with guest speakers.
 - d. Stewardship – Pastor Stephan shared that the yellow “electronic giving” cards in the pews are being used each Sunday.
9. The Congregation Annual Meeting is set for April 22 and the agenda & annual report have been made available to the congregation in a timely manner. Outgoing council members are Andy Fett, Tracy Johnson, Tammi Martin, Dianne Miller, Rosco Millis and Kyle Vavruska. Incoming members are Gary Dettman, Dawn Wood, Kari Webb, Tammi Martin, (3-yr terms), Dan Fuxa and (1 more open, but expect to have a person named by the Annual Meeting) (1-yr terms). The Council expressed their appreciation to the retiring Council members for their years of service.
10. The next Council meeting will be at 6:00 PM on May 15 at The Living Room and will be primarily an Orientation meeting for the new Council members.
11. The South Dakota Synod Assembly is set for May 31 – June 2 in Sioux Falls. Up to 6 voting members from OSLC can attend and Pastor Stephan asked if any Council members would be interested in attending. Expenses for the 6 voting members will be reimbursed.
12. The meeting was adjourned with a motion by Tammi Martin and a second by Michelle Keil. Motion approved, and meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM with The Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Van’t Land

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