

Our Savior's Lutheran Church Council Minutes

Tuesday, August 14, 2018 6:30 PM in the Conference Room

Our Mission: Inspired by God's grace, we open our hearts to all in faith, prayer, fellowship, and service through Jesus Christ.

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Rod Custer at 6:30 PM. Members present were Pastor Stephan Sandness, Laura Cambell, Rod Custer, Gary Dettman, Dillon Haug, Troy Hight, Michelle Keil, Deb Kimbell, Cindy Koppinger, Tammi Martin, Kari Webb, and Dawn Wood.

2. Devotions:

Gary Dettman led devotions based on the idea of everyone has different talents' so the use of committees and groups to get things done will benefit from the many talents of the group. What we invest in our church works in the same way. All the little things add up as we work together as the body of Christ.

3. Approval of the Agenda:

Deb Kimbell moved to approve the meeting's agenda; Michelle Keil seconded; the motion carried.

4. June Council Minutes:

Three corrections were made to the June meeting minutes.

"6. Staff Reports b. The spelling of Woyatan was corrected."

"7. b. Properties iv. Julie found someone to clean the kitchen grease hoods before the Fix-it crew could do it."

"7. c. Senior Ministry The picnic was on June 21, not in July."

Troy Hight moved to approve the corrected June council meeting's minutes; Tammi Martin seconded; the motion carried.

5. June and July Treasurer's Reports:

Tammi Martin reported that June was behind for the month, but July made up ground. The December through April snow removal bill was higher than what had been budgeted because so much snow fell this year, so money was moved from the Repair and Replace to make up the difference.

The special funds for the National Youth Gathering and KidZone had negative balances in July, so Gary Dettman moved and Troy Hight seconded that money should be moved from the Youth Account to zero those negatives out; the motion carried.

Troy Hight moved to approve the Treasurer's Report for June and July; Deb Kimbell seconded, the motion carried.

6. Ministerial Staff Reports

Laura Campbell was grateful for all who stepped up to help while Pastor Stephan was on sabbatical. Several funerals took place during that time, as well as Festival in the Park. Church attendance did not go down during Pastor Stephan's absence, which Laura and Pastor Stephan were both happy to see.

Laura asked the council to give a gift to Alli Hedman, a Campus Ministry student who had served as a counselor at Klein Ranch Bible Camp this summer. WELCA will give her \$100. Deb Kimbell moved that the council give a gift of \$200 and Dillon Haug seconded; the motion carried. The gift will be given in September.

Pastor Stephan Sandness thanked the council for allowing his time away. He didn't really realize how much it was needed. He used the time for restoration, to reconnect with God and the people he

loves. He used the time to unplug from technology and felt free without its interference. He feels fit from the hiking and running he was able to do. He thanked the council members who served as preachers in his stead: Laura Campbell, Rod Custer, Kari Webb, and Jim Van't Land.

Pastor Stephan and Chris Blain have created a confirmation schedule that will begin on September 12 with a meal. Several council members volunteered to help with that meal, and plans will be firmed up at the next council meeting on September 11.

Pastor Stephan announced that Kris Garlick will be ordained at 2:00 PM on September 22 at Grace Lutheran Church in Sturgis. He will research the ordination gift suggested for the occasion from the council.

7. Committee Updates:

Mission: Cindy Koppinger reported on Clothe a Kid. Dollars were still coming in at the last CAK meeting on July 26. Students shopped at Walmart on August 13, and the K-5 children will get their backpacks and hoodies on August 17 at the Ministry Fair.

Communication: Michelle Keil reported that the next Communication Committee meeting will be August 30 at 7:00 PM. All the write-ups are due on the 26th and rewriting for consistent style will begin then. The group is still working to complete a business card and letterhead format.

Education: Deb Kimbell reported that the Education Committee will meet on September 4.

Property: Gary Dettman researched the fixes we could make to keep the ice dams from forming in the gutters. He believes that snow shields will be the most effective way to keep snow from sliding off the roof, then melting and refreezing in the gutters. The snow shields will have the snow slide over the gutters. He is still researching the specifics.

Senior Ministry: Fifty-nine invitations were sent out to members 80 and older, and they will be honored at the August 18 worship service.

8. Approve New Cabinets for The Living Room

Gary Dettman has been working to improve the HVAC at The Living Room. The furnace won't be so loud if the air intakes are improved. These intakes will be hidden by the new cabinets.

Rod Custer presented two bids he got for the new kitchen cabinets for The Living Room. The layout of the kitchen will be the same except for the addition of a dishwasher and an island. He estimates that it will take at least a month to get the materials, then additional time to get them installed. Rod said he will install them, and Gary agreed to help.

Deb Kimbell moved that the council trust Rod Custer's judgement and have him proceed with the plans; Cindy Koppinger seconded; the motion passed.

9. Update on Fellowship Hall Sound/Video Installation

The speakers are up in the fellowship hall and the screens should be ready soon. The area will serve as overflow space and more. It will be tied to the sanctuary and connected to the wireless system already in place. Memorial funds will pay for the equipment and installation.

10. The meeting adjourned at 7:47 PM and concluded with Pastor Stephan's prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Koppinger

The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 11, 2018 in the Conference Room at 6:30 PM.