

# Corrected Church Council Minutes

Tuesday, December 13, 2016 - 6:30 pm

<b>Meeting Location:</b>	<b>Devotions:</b>	<b>Treats</b>
OSLC	Rocky Millis	Larry Bakke

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1. The meeting was called to order by Larry Bakke. Members present were Larry Bakke, Kyle Vavruska, Rod Custer, Andy Fett, Pastor Stephan Sandness, Laura Campbell, Pam Englund, Deb Kimbell, Tammi Martin.
2. Devotions were shared by Laura out of the "From Heaven Above" advent devotional. The devotion spoke to John 14: 27 "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."
3. The meeting agenda was approved with a motion by Pam Englund and a second by Deb Kimbell. The motion carried.
4. The following corrections were made to the November 2016 OSLC Church Council Minutes:

- Item #1- Change spelling of "Deb Kimball" to "Deb Kimbell"
- Item #4 – Change spelling of "Deb Kimball" to "Deb Kimbell"
- Item #5 – Change budget surplus to \$37,872.51
- Item #6 – Change spelling of "Laura Cambell" to "Laura Campbell"  
Change spelling of "Carlene Daggit" to "Karleen Dagit"
- Item # 9 – Change spelling of "Chris Garlick" to "Kris Garlick"

Corrected November meeting minutes were approved unanimously with a Motion by Rod Custer and a second by Deb Kimbell.

Tammi Martin also made a correction to the October meeting minutes. The senior pastor salary was raised 2%, the same as other staff (not the 6.49% noted). This 2% raise in senior pastor salary took place under pension.

5. The November Treasurer's Report was shared by Tammi Martin. Year to date income less expense was \$38,457.68. A negative balance in the endowment fund under dedicated accounts was noted. The reason for the negative balance is that the Endowment Committee transfers money to the OSLC Endowment Fund to cover scholarships. OSLC sent a \$500 scholarship check to a college recently, and the endowment committee hasn't transferred funds to cover the check yet.

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## 6. Ministerial Staff Reports -

Pastor Stephan - mentioned the Listen, God is Calling Campaign. This SD ELCA Synod campaign will be presented to the congregation in January. Pastor Stephan encouraged the Council to set a fundraising goal for the campaign. Christmas and New Years both occur on a Sunday this year. As such, Stephan mentioned that there will only be one church service, at 9:30, on both of those dates.

Laura – organized a new member dinner and orientation that was very successful. Laura mentioned that she has been going through the “From Heaven Above” advent devotional and encouraged others to obtain a copy. Laura also noted how much fun December is, as she gets to witness all of the “behind the scenes” activity, effort, and giving put forward by congregation members. Laura will be filling in at St James Lutheran Church in Belle Fourche on New Years weekend.

## 7. Committee Reports

- a. Mission – The Angel Tree project is a bit different this year. Sponsors are asked to give Walmart gift cards for the Pine Ridge children so that more personal gifts can be selected for each child. This change has been well received. Four church members will be traveling to Guatemala in February with Sharing the Dream. Laura asked the Council if a donation could be made to the four members to help with travel expenses. The Special Missions Fund was mentioned as an option. No action was taken on this item.
  - b. Education – The Sunday School Christmas program will take place on Sunday, 12/18
  - c. Senior Ministry – The senior ministry committee hosted an “old fashioned Christmas” party. A good time was had by all.
8. The Finance Committee recommended the following disbursement of Mission Support funds: \$1,000 to Artemis House, \$1,000 to Canyon Hills Center, \$1,000 to Woyatan Lutheran Church, \$500 to CASA, and +/- \$1,500 or more, as funds allow, to the Ministerial Association. It was noted that The Ministerial Association further disburses funds to other groups and individuals in need in our community. Pam Englund moved to support the Finance Committee’s recommendation for Mission Support Funds. Rod Custer seconded. The motion carried.

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9. A fundraising goal was discussed for the "Listen, God is Calling" Campaign. Per SD ELCA Synod guidelines, the recommendation for giving is \$100 per worshipping member. OSLC typically has 350-400 worshipping members each Sunday. This places the recommended giving at \$35,000 - \$40,000. A primary focus of this campaign is to provide incentive for students to attend seminary and serve in South Dakota. The fund would offset seminary tuition costs by assisting seminarians who commit to serving in South Dakota upon graduation. Tammi Martin made a motion to set OSLC's fundraising goal for the Listen, God is Calling Campaign at \$35,000. A second was made by Andy Fett. The motion carried.
10. Snow Removal – Prior to this year, Ainsworth-Benning plowed the parking lots and Troy Rommen plowed the sidewalks. Troy will continue to plow the sidewalks, but OSLC will need to find another company or individual to plow the parking lots. Eric Hunt plowed the parking lots during the last snow event. Action was taken to procure bids / proposals from Eric and Troy for snow removal during the 2016/2017 season. Kyle Vavruska made a motion, with a second from Deb Kimbell. The motion carried.
11. Tammi Martin motioned to adjourn the meeting. Kyle Vavruska seconded. Council closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

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