

Our Savior's Lutheran Church Council Minutes

Tuesday, May 15, 2018 6:00 PM

Meeting Location: The Living 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 Pastor Stephan Sandness at 6:00 PM. Members present were Rod Custer, Gary Dettman, Dillon Haug, Michelle Keil, Deb Kimbell, Cindy Koppinger, Tammi Martin, Kari Webb, and Dawn Wood. We began the meeting with prayer and a meal, and the members introduced themselves to the group.

2. Devotions:

Pastor Stephan read today's devotion "Where Will You Look" from The Word for Every Day by Alvin Rogness. The message was to "Lift your eyes to Him," because looking forward, backward, or within will never be satisfying. The devotion encourages us to invite people with a different view.

3. Approval of the Agenda:

Rod Custer moved to approve the meeting's agenda; Michelle Keil seconded; the motion carried.

4. Election of Officers:

The ballot process was used to choose the president and vice-president.

Rod Custer received a significant number of ballots and was unanimously accepted as president.

Troy Hight became vice-president in the same manner.

Jim Van't Land had volunteered to stay on as secretary. Tammi Martin moved to accept Jim as secretary; Gary Dettman seconded; the motion carried.

Tammi Martin had volunteered to stay on as treasurer. Deb Kimbell moved to accept Tammi as treasurer; Michelle Keil seconded; the motion carried.

5. Committee Assignments:

Communications: Michelle Keil and Kari Webb

Education: Deb Kimbell

Lutheran Campus Ministry: Tammi Martin and Dawn Wood

Mission: Cindy Koppinger

Property: Troy Hight, Jim Van't Land, and Gary Dettman

Senior Ministry: Kari Webb

Stewardship: Jim Van't Land and Gary Dettman

Worship and Arts: Rod Custer

6. Determine Finance Committee and Personnel Committee:

Finance: Jim Van't Land, Tammi Martin, Deb Kimbell, Gary Dettman, Dillon Haug, and Kari Webb

Personnel: Rod Custer, Cindy Koppinger, Dawn Wood, Michelle Keil, and Troy Hight

7. Approval of the Minutes:

Cindy Koppinger moved to approve the council meeting's minutes from April; Gary Dettman seconded; the motion carried.

Deb Kimbell moved to approve the annual meeting's minutes from April 22; Tammi Martin seconded; the motion carried.

8. Treasurer's Report:

Tammi Martin carefully explained the Income section of the report to help members understand the "current month" columns and the "annual budget" columns. The Expense section was explained in the same terms. She showed that Easter offerings had helped us catch up for the year, but when asked if we are about where we usually are at this time of the year, she said we are still a little behind.

9. Committee Reports:

Communication: Michelle Keil reported that the outline for the updated website is done, and members are writing up descriptions of the individual sections of the site. The office stationery is being monitored to see what needs to be sent to a printer and what can be printed in-house to be the most cost effective. Thrivent Choice Dollars will be one of the financial sources used to update the website.

Mission: Cindy Koppinger reported on Clothe a Kid. Spearfish school counselors have sent out 200 letters notifying eligible parents to register their children. The shopping date has been set for August 13, and the Ministry Fair is set for August 17. Fund raising will begin in most of the member churches in July.

Education: Deb Kimbell reported that the Education Committee is doing a wrap up for the year and that the numbers are good for Vacation Bible School.

Pastor's Sabbatical Info: While Pastor Stephan is gone for his 10 week sabbatical, Laura Campbell will be the point person, and she will preach twice. Chris Blain will also preach twice. Others who will be preaching are Arley Fadness, Bruce Thalacker, Bishop Dave Zellmer, Rod Custer, Jim Van't Land, and Kari Webb.

Other Info Shared by Pastor Stephan:

- a. The 12 month CD is up in June. The council agreed to roll it into another year
- b. Pastor Stephan shared a thank you card from high school senior Lauren Hight. She expressed her gratitude to Our Savior's as a part of her life.
- c. A computer needed to be replaced for Annette Johnson's work.
- d. Kari Webb is beginning candidacy in the Master of Divinity program through Luther House Studies. Pastor Stephan shared the idea that we raise up leaders by supporting their education process, and that the Seminary Assistance Fund could be used to support the seminary while Kari is a student there. Deb Kimbell moved to support Kari with \$500 a year for the next four years in the program at Luther House Studies; Tammi Martin seconded; the motion carried.

10. Council Details:

Information about members' mailboxes, leadership, worship and meeting attendance, and offering assistance was shared with the members. Also shared was information concerning the one-year-term vacancy on the council. If council members have an agenda item for up-coming months, call or text Laura Campbell or Rod Custer.

11. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM and concluded with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Koppinger

The next meeting will be Tuesday, June 12, 2018 in the Conference Room at 6:30 PM.