

Tree of Life Lutheran Church

Council Minutes

July 12, 2017

Members present – President - Dennis McConnell, Vice President – Jack Zimmer, Financial Secretary – Heidi Beckham, Secretary – Linda Baumgartner, and council members at large -George Timmons, Chuck Will, and Kirk Helberg.

Members absent – Lawrence Zuehlke and Jim Voelz

Guests – Staff members - Bunny Stoutes, office manager, Ryan Dockery, intern, sitting in for Pastor Chris while he is on sabbatical and Shirley Finke – co leader of Family Promise team

Meeting was called to order by President Dennis McConnell at 8:12

A. The meeting began with an opening prayer by Ryan Dockery.

B Consent Agenda

1. Motion - Adopt tonight's agenda
2. Motion – Approve minutes from June 14, 2017 council meeting

Jack Zimmer motioned that the Consent Agenda be approved. Chuck Will seconded. All in favor. The motion passed.

C. Discussion agenda

1. Old Business – none

2. New Business

- i. Shirley Finke and Linda Baumgartner shared that the incident of a child in the Family Promise program falling from a piece of the playground equipment prompted some research on how insurance is handled by Family Promise and Tree of Life. Linda made calls to both LaToya Carter, director of Family Promise and Tree of Life's insurance company to get feedback. Family Promise only covers the volunteers when they drive the Family Promise van, not when they are participating in other ways in the Family Promise ministry at Tree of Life. Our insurance does not cover the volunteers at all. In fact, volunteers would be excluded from coverage during the hosting week. Due to the information and also that it is getting increasingly difficult to secure volunteers, Shirley and Linda recommend that Tree of Life not sign up for 2018. However, we will fulfill our obligation to host Family Promise August 13-20. The

families will be staying at the Comfort Inn. Tree of Life will provide dinners and drivers.

- ii. Dennis moved and Ryan Dockery seconded that Tree of Life present Family Promise with \$1,000 from Seeds (our last benevolence to Family Promise) to cover the cost of hosting at the hotel while providing dinners and drivers during the week of August 13, 2017. All were in favor. The motion passed.
- iii. Chuck Will stated that he and John Baumgartner have been meeting with Luxury Aire, Bradbury AC and K&B Air-Conditioning to secure solutions and bids for our air conditioning problem in the office wing. Bids and solutions are expected by the end of July. A discussion was then held about all the air-conditioning units due to R22 not being allowed beginning 2020. As the units begin to break down, they will need to be replaced. Until the office unit is repaired or replaced, Ryan will move the office to the music room. A congregational meeting will be held August 6 at 9:15 to inform the congregation of the issue and approve the expected cost of \$24,000 to \$30,000. A special air conditioning fund will be established.
- iv. Dennis brought up the issue of what to do with the free will offerings and where to place them in the income statement. A discussion was held. Ryan stated that it is much easier for the accounting to place free will offerings in the general fund. George Timmins moved and Kirk Helberg seconded that any free will offerings be placed in the general fund. All were in favor. The motion passed.
- v. A discussion was held regarding Tree of Life's sabbatical fund for Pastor Chris. Linda shared that there are sufficient funds for the remainder of the sabbatical. She can shift \$3,000 between categories. If additional amounts need to shift, she will contact the Lilly Foundation.
- vi. Ryan shared that an average of 30 people are in attendance at The Well Service on Wednesday evening. This is the number that attend the early service on Sunday. The staff is pleased with the attendance.
- vii. Financial reports were not presented since Jim Voelz was not present.

Having completed all the business. The meeting was declared to be over at 9:47. Ryan Dockery lead council in the saying the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Baumgartner, Secretary