

Tree of Life Lutheran Church

Council Minutes

March 3, 2018

Members present – President – Jack Zimmer, Secretary – Linda Baumgartner, Treasurer – Jim Voelz, Financial Secretary – Heidi Beckham Pastor Chris Lake, Susie Rust, Richard Schaper, Annie Lindeman, Kevin Solberg,

Members not present – George Timmins, Kirk Helberg, Larry Klotz – Vice President

Guests – none

Meeting was called to order by President Jack Zimmer at 1:25

A. The meeting began with an opening prayer by Pastor Chris

B. Consent Agenda

1. Motion - Adopt tonight's agenda
2. Minutes - Minutes
3. Acceptance of new members – none at this time
4. Annie Lindeman moved that the Consent Agenda be approved. Heidi Beckham seconded. All in favor. The motion passed.

C. Discussion agenda

New Business

1. Financial Reports – Pledged numbers are up for January and unpledged are down.

\$18,000 came in through January for paying down the mortgage another \$2,000 came in during the month of February.

Heidi moved that February's SEEDS money be put on the mortgage principal. Susie seconded. Discussion – Pastor questioned when the refinance comes up again. Jim would like to hold off payment out of SEEDS until Larry Klotz completes the mortgage negotiations. Jim moved that we table payment of February's SEEDS money until April or May. Susie Rust seconded. All in favor and the motion passed.

Action item – Jim Voelz and Heidi Beckham are going to make sure that the January principal down payment was sent.

Susie Rust asked about line item for assistant office manager and associate minister. Jim Voelz explained that the assistant office manager was payment for Ida Craig coming to set up Sunday morning coffee. She isn't doing that any more or she is still doing it on a limited basis. The associate minister was Pastor Larry's pay. However, Carrie Peterson is receiving that payment.

Linda Baumgartner asked that the headings for all columns on all pages be placed on the spreadsheet,

Action Item – Richard Schaper will help Jim Voltz to place the headings into the Excel spreadsheet.

Susie Rust moved to accept January financial report - Richard Schaper seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

2. Rhelm report - 26 families have been converted to the new system todate. Old electronic giving still has 7. We are currently paying for both the old and new systems. Jack asked that Heidi keep council updated so council can help brainstorm issues as they arise.

Action Item – Heidi is going to ask Lisa Lemaux to help with making phone calls encourage members to transfer to the new system.

3. Pastor's Report – Flag Pole Memorial - The Flag Pole Memorial is near the church sign. This memorial is a headstone that was originally meant to have plates on it to honor Tree of Life members who were in the military and have passed away. The plates are now damaged or missing. Pastor asked for input for how to handle the situation. A suggestion was made that we incorporate those names into the stones on the pending prayer path in the cemetery.

Action Item – Kevin Solberg is going to check in with Luther Hill for input on how they did their stone path.

Pastor gave his congregational report on illness and hospitalizations.

4. Fiduciary Responsibilities – Jack Zimmer review the fiduciary responsibilities of duty of obedience, care and loyalty. This will be done yearly.
5. Stewardship – Kirk Helberg and Jim Lemaux will be stewardship chairs for 2018.

Old Business

1. Policy Manual – Continue on bottom of page 4. Jack is taking notes during our discussion and will revised document.

The meeting was declared to be over at 3:07.

Pastor Chris lead council in the saying the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Baumgartner, Secretary