

Tree of Life Lutheran Church

Council Minutes

August 9, 2017

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

Members absent – Lawrence Zuehlke and Jack Zimmer

Guests – Staff members - Bunny Stoutes, office manager, and Ryan Dockery, intern, sitting in for Pastor Chris while he is on sabbatical

Meeting was called to order by President Dennis McConnell at 8:06

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
3. Motion to approve Reformation Bookstore. The bookstore will consist of 20 books and promotional items to be for sale at Tree of Life in celebration of the Reformation.

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

C. Discussion agenda

1. Old Business

- i. Chuck Will and John Baumgartner have secured quotes for repairing or replacing the AC unit in the office area. This has taken longer than they both expected due to Carrier not getting back to contractors. The pros and cons of replacing or repairing were discussed. The view is that the AC unit needs to be replaced. The motion for the congregational meeting will be that up to \$30,000 be spent to replace the AC.

2. New Business

- i. Jim Voelz moved and Kirk Helberg seconded that \$750.00 be given to Ryan Dockery for his moving expenses to Messiah Lutheran Church in Washington. All were in favor. The motion passed.

- ii. A discussion was held on carpet cleaning in the office area and the narthex. Kirk Helberg will attempt to use his carpet cleaning machine from home in the next week.
- iii. Jim Voelz stated that the pledged offerings are running at 107%. Non-pledged offerings are at 80%. The summer offerings are better than last year.
- iv. Heidi Beckham reported that on-line giving is now ready to convert folks to Vanco. Dennis asked Heidi to set up The Well service for texting of offerings.
- v. A discussion was held regarding the Lilly Grant and Pastor's travel, lodging and food expenses. Linda Baumgartner shared that she will ask Lilly to transfer the remaining of the travel budget to the food and lodging line item. This will help to cover the expenses during Pastor and his family's expenses when they travel to the west coast. Council stressed that once the grant monies are expended that Pastor recognized that the remainder are his personal expenses.
- vi. Pastor's Report:
 - The staff is beginning to prepare for the Pastor Chris's return after sabbatical. The staff will have a two day retreat. The first day will be for Pastor to share his sabbatical stories. The second day will be for the staff to share their work over the summer and the work with teams.
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Having completed all the business. The meeting was declared to be over at 9:15. Ryan Dockery lead council in the saying the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Baumgartner, Secretary