

7.11.17 Council Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Kim Stien at 6:02 P.M.

Members Present: Kim Stien, Tara Johnson, Grace Johnson, Eledia Oleson, Carol Rudd, Sue Diel, Julie Poquette, Pastor Lori, and Sally Gavin.

Members Absent: Anthony Windau

A short Bible Study was led by Pastor Lori – using prayer pebbles. We each shared our thoughts in regard to a painted pebble that we selected.

The Secretary's Report from June 13, 2017 was presented and a motion was made and seconded to accept the report as written.

Action Items:

1. Steve Erickson resigned from council due to his work schedule. We thanked him for his time and effort.
2. Carol Rudd volunteered to be on the Transition Team.
3. Kim suggested that Greg Granlund fill in for the rest of Steve's term (end of April 2018). A motion was made and seconded to have Greg back on council.
4. Meeting time – Everyone should think about a different night and/or time for council because Pastor Lori can't be there on Tuesday nights.

Ministry Reports:

1. **Outreach:** The last time we did Beacon House – we did OK (food and volunteers). We have one more Beacon House before the students get back (August 24-26). Each night we need 4 people plus food. Maybe we should think about changing our time (Thurs-Sat) to other days of the week.
2. **Worship:** We are going with the summer plan, and will be talking about paper and bulletins in the near future. We will be meeting to plan for the fall.
3. **Stewardship:** No report

4. **Parish Life:** Parish life now has two members besides Carol. They are Jill Granlund and Kim Stien. September 6th is the 1st day of class and Blugold Organization Bash – (BOB) is September 13th. Don't forget the plants for students.
5. **Education:** We did not meet in July. Sunday School is going well and we will meet to decide if it will continue in the fall. Confirmation will begin in the fall with Pastor Lori, Pastor Don Wisner, and Rachel Keniston teaching on Wednesday after school. There is the possibility of 5 students. It would last 13 months with Confirmation on Reformation Day 2018.

Pastor's Report:

1. **Synod Campaign:** How will we do this as a church? This is a 3 year process. Some ideas are: We could collect pledges/money from individuals and give one gift from ULC. We could use benevolence money as a gift.
2. **Joint Commemoration of the Reformation:** This will be at IC Catholic Church on October 29th at 4 P.M. A light lunch reception will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church. We will give money toward this for incidental expenses.
3. **Reading through Acts:** A study on Wednesday night for the purpose of updating our By-Laws. Pastor Lori will check with UWEC schedule - so students can participate. This would be a 5 hour session.
4. **Listening across the street:** This is our mission. How do we go about doing this? Maybe information in our newsletter every month – could be an idea. We also need to ask the right questions to find out.

Financial Report: Tara presented her report.

1. Income for June: \$ 8,711.32
2. Expenses for June: \$11,089.38
3. Deficit for June: (\$2,378.06)

4. Grace Lutheran will be paying 50% of the Ruge-Jones family insurance.

President's Report:

1. Presented the average worship attendance from 2008 – 2016. 2008 was the highest with 83 people and 2016 was the lowest with 53 people.
2. Our attendance is down, but our numbers are starting to “trend up”.
3. Because our numbers are down – this is why we have trouble getting volunteers for Beacon House and Community Table.

New Business: None

Old Business: None

Next Meeting will be August 13th at 11:00A.M.

Closing prayer was given by Pastor Lori.

The meeting ended at 7:52 P.M.

Respectively Submitted,

Sally Gavin, Secretary