

9.21.17 Council Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Kim Stien at 6:01 P.M.

Members Present: Kim Stien, Tara Johnson, Julie Poquette, Greg Granlund, Elecia Oleson, Grace Johnson, Carol Rudd, Pastor Lori and Sally Gavin.

Members Absent: Sue Diel, and Anthony Windau.

Guests: Andrea Gapko and Jacob Gapko.

For devotions Pastor Lori read from the Book of Acts – Chapter 6. It had to do with structure and leadership in the church at that time. This will be discussed more on Saturday at our Visioning Meeting.

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

Action Items:

1. Jacob Gapko, the President of The Foundation spoke about approving Restated Articles of Incorporation and Restated Bylaws of the Foundation. A motion was made and seconded to approve the changes of the Articles and Bylaws of the Foundation.
2. The following dates were selected for the next Council Meetings: October 19, November 16 and December 14 (2ndThursday). The Budget Meeting will be held after church on December 17.

Ministry Reports:

1. **Outreach:** Our next time for Community Table will be January 28, 2018. The next Beacon House will be November 8-10. We need to have servers and overnights for this. We don't have trouble getting food to serve.
2. **Worship:** In worship we are now using Setting 6. We will use this until Advent. We had a good turnout for the last hymn sing. On October 4, we will have the Blessing of the Animals (Wed. night service). All Saints Day

Nov. 1 – choir and worship will be downstairs. Nov. 22, we are invited to worship at Grace Lutheran church. Have not decided about services for both A.M. and P.M. on Sunday December 24. On October 25, students from ULC and Newman are planning a joint service.

3. **Stewardship:** The ELCA is in the 3rd year of a 5 year Capital Campaign. The NW Synod is also doing a 3 year campaign. We need to work up interest for both of these campaigns. A motion was made and seconded to give \$2,000 per year to each of the campaigns. This would be outside of our regular budget. The John Peterson money is not making much interest. We should use good stewardship and invest this money. We will talk about this in January.
4. **Parish Life:** We had about 40 people for Wednesday night dinner. 200 plants were given out. A new form has been made for volunteer sign up for meals. The new form is filled up through November.
5. **Education:** Parents like the new Sunday School model. More information will be coming. Confirmation will start in October.
6. **Transition Committee:** A letter was written for a Capital Membership transition. A motion was made and seconded to approve the letter. The ERC Board meets in October. We would like to have a subcommittee to meet with them to become reinstated again.

Pastor's Report: Visioning Event will be held this Saturday at Hibbard Hall. Wendy Kinderman has agreed to work on “pulling info” together after this event. In October there will be a new member class – which will be on Sundays after church. It is for anyone. New member Sunday will be on Reformation Sunday. Pastor Lori has been working on the red framed sign outside (updating it only). A motion was made and seconded to accept the bid of \$300 from LaCrosse Sign Co to do the work.

Financial Report: Tara presented her report

1. Income for August \$ 9,738.65
2. Expenses for August \$11,537.29
3. Deficit for August \$ (1,798.64)

A motion was made to accept her report.

New Business: Jacob and the Foundation information

Old Business: None

Closing prayer was given by President Kim Stien.

The next meeting will be **Thursday October 19 at 6:00 P.M.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 P.M.

Respectively Submitted,

Sally Gavin, Secretary