

## 1-28-18 Council Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Kim Stien after church at 11:10 A.M. in the library. An opening prayer was given by Pastor Lori.

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

**Members Absent:** Sue Diel and Julie Poquette.

**The Secretary's Report** from December 14, 2017 was presented and a motion was made and seconded to accept the report.

### **Action Items:**

1. Review of annual Budget meeting: the budget meeting went well.
2. Update on Transition Process: Pastor Lori did a really good job of leading the congregation through this process. A duplicate meeting will be held on Sunday February 11<sup>th</sup> for those who could not make the January meeting.
3. Attendance numbers for 2017: The greeters do the counting. The average attendance (2<sup>nd</sup> half of the year) was 52 for 2017. We should count and add the number in attendance from Wednesday Worship service as well. 52 people is just from the Sunday service.
4. 2018 ERC assessment: There has been a good discussion for working on what should be put in our report (as to who we are). A simple financial statement of who we are is also needed. "Simple" is what we want.
5. February Council Meeting – February 18<sup>th</sup> @ 12:00 P.M.

### **Ministry Reports:**

1. **Outreach:** Today we do Community Table and we have had a good turnout for volunteers. February 15-17 – we are up for Beacon House again. There will be a sign up sheet for this.

2. **Worship:** Auditions will be held for a pianist position for Wednesday evening worship. 5 people will audition for this position. James Li, Joe Krause and Pastor Lori will listen to the auditions. Jill Granlund and Allen Keniston will help if needed.
3. **Stewardship:** The trend is not changing from previous months. It looks solid. Offerings are consistent. Online giving is 40% of our total offering.
4. **Parish Life:** The sign-up sheet for Wednesday evening dinners is almost full for 2<sup>nd</sup> semester. This is very good this early in the semester.
5. **Education:** During the Sundays of Lent, we would like to offer a class after church. We would watch the DVD “Living the Question” by Walter Brueggemann. There are also Study Questions that go with the DVD. The first Sunday would be February 18<sup>th</sup>. We are also looking at the possibility of having a joint Forum with the Newman parish. The topic would be “Campus Harvest”. More information will be coming.

**Pastor’s Report:**

1. There is a Synod wide Retreat for Campus Pastors and students at Luther Park on February 23-25. Pastor Lori would like to attend and stay for the worship service on Sunday February 25. The council agreed to this. A supply preacher will have to be found for our service.
2. The Eau Claire Marathon will be held on Sunday May 6<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Lori will check to see if we can have church on Sunday or will we need to do church on Saturday evening. We will also have our Baccalaureate service then as well. Some kind of reception /dinner would be nice for our graduating seniors.
3. 5 mentors from the congregation will be working with “Emerging Adults” and Pastor Lori. The mentors will meet during the semester to learn more about this age group.

**Financial Report:** Tara presented her report.

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| 1. Grant from the Synod | \$ 2,180.56 |
| 2. December offering    | \$18,685.96 |
| 3. Interest earned      | \$ 190.85   |

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| 4. Total December income | \$21,057.37 |
| 5. Expenses for December | \$13,993.68 |
| 6. Surplus for December  | \$ 7,063.69 |

**New Business:** See Action Items

**Old Business:** none

Pastor led us in a closing prayer and we adjourned at 12:10 P.M.

**Our Next Council Meeting will be Sunday February 18<sup>th</sup> @12:00 P.M.**

Respectively Submitted,

Sally Gavin, Secretary