

4-8-2018 Council Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Kim Stien at 11:15 A.M. in the library. Pastor Lori led us in an opening prayer .

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

Members Absent: Julie Poquette

The Secretary's Report from March 12, 2018 was presented and accepted.

Action Items:

1. **Slate of Candidates:** The following were added to the current ballot. **Nominating Committee:** Julie Poquette, Steve Erickson and Jacob Gapko. **Audit Committee:** Linda Erickson, Jill Granlund and Sue Diel. The ballot is complete except the position for Secretary. The President will call for nominations from the floor.
2. **Agenda for Annual Meeting:** **Constitution updates.** We will have to suspend the rules for the constitution in order to complete the updates from the ELCA. This is not optional because it is mandated by the ELCA.
3. **Office Computer:** Carol reported on the software that other churches are using. At this point Spreadsheets will be used. Sue will talk to John LeBrun about replacing the computer.
4. **Structural Change in Mission:** At the Annual Meeting we will update the Constitution. We will bring up and have a motion made and seconded so that we can have a good discussion about suspending part of the Constitution.

Ministry Reports:

1. **Outreach:** Nothing at the present. Beacon House will happen again this summer.
2. **Worship:** Worship on June 3 (Synod Assembly weekend) – Pastor Lori on vacation. She has a friend in Portage - she has asked to conduct our service. We would not pay mileage. If it doesn't work out – we may plan a liturgy led by a congregation member or hymn sing. **Worship/student farewell picnic** will be on Saturday May 5th because of the Eau Claire Marathon. It will be a farewell service for the students. There will be a pot luck picnic before the service that

evening. Holy Week Discussion: Due to a low student participation on Thursday and Friday of Holy Week and overall low ULC participation - possibly add a Wednesday evening service that would touch on both themes. Considering purchasing a processional cross that is not a crucifix. Possibly commissioning Tom Bryan to build it. Liturgy for summer: We feel comfortable letting Pastor Lori select it. Exploring a single book of the Bible during summer Sunday worship – like we did Acts last summer. James Li's last Sunday is Sunday May 15th. Choir will begin discussion about going away gift..Carol will talk to the choir.

3. **Stewardship:** Sundays in 2018 have been averaging about the same as last year.
4. **Parish Life:** We are right on target for Wednesday evening dinners. Finals Week – Carol will check on the Seed Money from Marge Rudd for a contribution to the cheese and meat used. End of Year Picnic – Newman is not going to have an End of Year Picnic. Instead they will have a picnic in the fall that we can be a part of – if we want. May 5th will be our Pot Luck Dinner and worship service. We provide the coffee and drinks.
5. **Education** – See Annual Report
6. **Pastor's Report** – Busy – still enjoying her call.

Financial Report – Tara presented her report.

1. Total March Income:	\$ 8,509.54
2. Total March Expenses :	\$12,013.99
3. Total March Deficit:	(\$ - 3,504.45)
4. Year to Date:	(\$ -9,468.25)

President's Report: See Action Items

New Business: None

Old Business: None

Pastor Lori led us in a closing prayer and we adjourned at 1:15 P.M.

Annual Meeting : Sunday April 15th @ 11:15 A.M.

Respectively Submitted,

Sally Gavin, Secretary