

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 by President Kim Stien. Members present: Kim Stien, Pastor Lore, Sue Diel, Chuck Gavin, Greg Grandlund, Gary King, Anthony Windau, Pat Wojcik and Carol Rud. Andrea Gapko was an invited guest.

Pastor Lori led a bible study based on Psalm 116. In the discussion it was suggested that the council might consider praying for all church members over the course of a year.

The secretary's report from the last meeting was not available. Sue will provide that sometime in the future.

Kim and Andrea reviewed a list of members who have not been active in the congregation. The list of those inactive members was reviewed by the council, and the criteria for active membership were discussed. With some modifications, the council voted to remove most of those on the list from our membership list. Sara, Andrea and Pastor Lori will continue to revise our list of members. It was emphasized that all former members and anyone else are always welcome to worship and participate in communion.

The election at the annual meeting was discussed. Kim, Chuck and Anthony will be leaving. All other members are either still in their 2 year term, or eligible to be reelected for a second term. That includes the Secretary – Karen Eisenbarth. 2 members will need to be elected to the audit committee, as Sue will not be eligible to serve, as she will be President. After some discussion, and following the discussion last month, it was decided to have one council member serve as chair of each of the ministries, including education. Each of these members will continue to have a vote at council meetings. Date of the annual meeting was set for April 14, which is Psalm Sunday.

A letter from Jacob Gapko was read concerning possible conflict of interest if Sue was to serve as president. A discussion followed, and the council decided there was not a significant risk. Sue also expressed her willingness to serve as president despite having other responsibilities related to the congregation.

Ministry Reports – Worship has not met. Education – Chuck reported there will be education sessions based on the Penitential Psalms beginning March 10. Serve – Pat reported Community Table is booked far ahead, but is working on the sign up for Beacon House. Welcome – Carol reported that the first Wednesday Night session went well and people are signed up to serve through March.

Financial report – Greg reviewed the numbers for the past month and explained a new format that is being used. There was a \$4,000 gift from the Foundation. We ended the month with a \$640 deficit.

Pastor's Report – See Attachment. Council approved spending for the lunch on Consecration Sunday and the possible purchase of a new computer for Sara. April 28th is set for Pastor Lori's 27th ordination anniversary.

The meeting was closed with a prayer led by Pastor Lori.

Next Meeting Date - Unfortunately, a date for the next council meeting was not set. That will have to be decided in the near future.

Submitted by Kim Stien

Pastor Lori's report, Council meeting Feb. 11, 2019

1. Potential new members for March 10, 2019

Commitments from:

Brian Weichmann –regular visitor for over a year (tr Trinity Lutheran)
Dawn Kuehl – regular visitor ½ time; attends Newman with husband other ½ (tr Spirit Lutheran)
Dave & Joyce Anderson –occasional visitors on Sundays and Wednesdays, supporters of campus ministry (tr Immanuel Lutheran)

Still meeting with:

Sue Qualy (associate member) –Brian W's partner (tr Trinity Lutheran) *count - Sue*
Donna & Jim Kling – regular visitors for over a year
Julie Bowe – recent visitor, very regular attendance
Keith Beckstrom – visitor for over a year
Fran Melsness –recent visitor, very regular attendance
Ganesh Ram, Annie & Quinn –visitor for many months, ½ time when he isn't working (tr Grace Lutheran)

Don Wisner – Jan joined 18 months ago, maybe he'll come back?
Tony Alafouzou & Krissa Schuldt – regular long-time associate members, active on Weds. evenings
Linda Young – cohabitates between Milwaukee and Eau Claire; regular attendance

Action needed from council: approve these as potential members

2. Update on New Consecration Sunday

Team: Gary King, Julie Poquette, Wendy Kinderman, Carrie Gee; Sara Bryan, Sue Diel, PL
3 announcements, 3 letters (1 each week for Feb. 10, 17, 24)
Focus on generosity as a spiritual practice based in the Bible, not on need to support budget
Leadership dinner Sunday, Feb. 24 for council + team *revised*
Sunday, March 3 will be Consecration Sunday. People will be asked to complete an "Estimate of Giving" card during worship, and present it as an offering. A catered celebration lunch will follow. *lunch - 3:00*

Action needed from council:

permission to spend \$300-400 on lunch + supplies
Confirm date for leadership dinner; how to pay? *etc.*

3. Synod Lutheran Campus Ministry retreat this weekend at Luther Point. Rev. Nate Aaseng will preach and preside; Andrew is looking for piano sub so he can attend retreat.

4. Lenten series: Chuck and I are working on a series on the Psalms of Lament for worship and adult forum during Lent.

5. From Sara: we have not yet purchased a new computer or decided on a backup system for data. Also, the anti-virus subscription or installation is out of date on her computer.

Action needed from council: make a plan and dates for having these issues addressed.

6. Date for annual meeting

Palm Sunday, April 14; Easter Sunday, April 21

April 28 is currently set for my 25th ordination anniversary (willing to move this)

May 4 (Sat) is synod assembly

May 5 (Sun) is Eau Claire Marathon—no Sunday morning worship (or different location?) *w/ alternative*

Action needed from council: set date for annual meeting