



Church Council Meeting Meeting Minutes for January 15, 2024

Location: Zoom

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Meeting ID: 844 0025 2631

Passcode: 308818

Call to Order – Jonathan

7:04 pm

Members Present: Pastor Nick, Vicar Christine, Jonathan Kraatz, Bob Hill, Craig Womeldorph, Lori Anderson, Claudia McWhorter, Lisa Derasaugh, Tom Brekhus, Jane Seris, Jerry Court, Simon Scholtz, Jonathan Charlton, Pete Marquart

Opening Prayer/Devotion –

Lisa gave the devotion.

Simon volunteered to give the devotion in February.

Approval of Minutes – Jonathan

Correction – Pastor Nick was absent at December meeting

Minutes approved with correction

Treasurer's Report – Craig

- Update on Accounting conversion – it is improving
- December giving helped improve overall giving this year to date, but we are still about \$13,000 under budget for giving in our operating fund
- Three accounts (operating, capital, and endowment) all contribute to our total assets but request to report on endowment as separate account and to report on balances of all three accounts for next meeting
- Approval of Treasurer's Report will come later after numbers for accounts have been updated and presented to council

Committee Reports – See attached collection of reports.

- Fellowship Report change request – change date of February women's fellowship event from February 10 to February 17
- Property Report – correction to the electric rate proposal – council did not decide to wait until renewal but asked Property Committee to watch rates for next couple of months and bring proposal to council for March meeting



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Visioning Committee

- Have not yet met – still need to set up meeting and will have report ready for council to review in March

Building Use Approval / Fundraising Approval

Old Business

- Property - Electric rates – will watch rates and bring recommendation to council's March meeting
- Property Survey – council asked Property Committee to get more information about scope of projects for the following projects and present to council:
 - 1) Office stairs
 - 2) Replacement of folding chairs in the sanctuary
 - 3) Water well

Pastor Nick announced that he did receive donation offer of \$5000 from a non-member (frequent attendee) to help with cost of replacing chairs
- Ceiling lights in Sanctuary

Jerry reported that Property Committee is recommending we rent equipment (a lift) to remove the two broken lights and replace them with two new lights and then send the two broken lights to repair facility. Total cost will be \$1800 and money will come from Capital Improvement account. Approved.
- Front Sign lighting

Jerry reported that we have three options:

 - 1) Rewiring of light – approximately \$80
 - 2) Replace bulbs – approximately \$500
 - 3) New sign and switch to LED lights with timer or dusk-to-dawn sensors – approximately \$1000

It was recommended we go with option #3 so Jerry will find out exact quote and send to council for email vote (money from capital improvement will be used to cover cost)



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- Proposed Staff Positions (Business Manager)
Jonathan reported that job description has not yet been drafted

Jerry Court proposed a temporary solution where he has talked to two previous people with accounting and business backgrounds that have worked at Lutheran churches in the past and are now retired who have volunteered to come help us get caught up on our Quicken transaction entries for this current fiscal year (Approved)

New Business

- Congregational Meeting
Jonathan reported that he has received most slides and is in the process of formatting some of the reports received into slides for the presentation
Pastor Nick reported he needs to work with the nominating committee to find two delegates to attend the synod conference and these delegates will need to be approved at the council meeting

General Discussion

- Pastor Nick updated council on Lenten Retreat that will be happening February 8-10 and we are still looking for 4-6 additional people to attend

Closing Prayer – *Pastor Nick*

Meeting Adjourned

8:40pm