

Messiah Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes April 21, 2015

Members Present: Travis Tulowitzky, Clayton Koss, Cheryl Follis, Bob Follis, Bob Leis, Jim Thoreson, Tom Murphy, Dede Maki, Keith Holm, Ginny Pedersen and Pastor Nancy.

Absent: Linda Coleman

Meeting called to order at 6pm.

Pastor Nancy Opened with devotions.

Miscellaneous: Clayton Koss announced he will be leaving the council in June as they will be moving to Duluth. Pastor Nancy assigned chapter two of *Unbinding the Gospel* as homework for the council.

Secretaries Report: M/S/C to accept Secretaries Report as presented.

Treasurer's Report: Newly formatted financial reports were presented. The new reports provide more information and year to year budget comparisons along with Year-to-Date numbers. Thanks to Cheryl and Tom for their work on the financial statements. It was noted that Contributions are still behind.

M/S/C to accept Treasurers report as presented.

Pastors Report: Pastor Nancy presented a written report. Council was informed that Pastor Nancy and Robert will be staying in the parsonage for the time being. The Parents night out worked well and most likely will be repeated. Everyone enjoyed it. It was recommended that there needs to be some rules for calling parents if there's a problem with a child or it should be noted if a child has allergies.

Worship Ministry – No Report.

Learning Ministry – No Report.

Support Ministry – Carpet has been removed in hall and office. Basement windows are in. Blue side door needs to be replaced. The Support Ministry was told to go ahead with a new door. The Nejedlo property is now owned by Messiah. It was suggested that our insurance agent be informed and that the property and buildings be insured. The council will ultimately decide what to do with the property. There was some discussion about doing some cleanup on the property. Thrivent funds were requested for a dumpster. If cleanup is to be done it is to be coordinated with the former owner. Nothing else should be done as long as Mr. Nejedlo continues to use the property.

Heaven's Helping Hands – Easter baskets were delivered to 15 people. HHH will meet this Sunday.

Basement Speakers - Travis gave an update on the basement sound system project. We have a price to do speakers, installation to tie into the existing soundboard which includes labor. Three speakers would be installed. Each speaker can be turned on or off and would be able to plug in microphone. Total projected cost is \$2,000 including labor. It was recommended that a microphone be purchased if the speaker project moves forward.

There was some discussion of determining what projects were essential and which were non-essential. The matter was referred to the soon to be created Stewardship/Finance Committee. They will make a recommendation on how to proceed with this and other projects that need funding outside of the budget.

Stewardship/Finance Committee – M/S/C to approve the formation of a Stewardship/Finance Committee and adopt the draft job description with the addition of having the authority to manage investments in the best interest of the church. The Committee needs to set up their first meeting. Tom will contact Jim Pederson and set up the date and time for the first meeting. Council members willing to serve are Tom Murphy, Dede Maki, Cheryl Follis and Keith Holm. Jim Pederson, Chairman of the Endowment Fund will also serve. Pastor Nancy will put an invitation in the bulletin in case there may be others who would like to serve on the committee.

Worship Time Discussion: First Lutheran Port Wing wants to stick with 10:45am worship start time. The council discussed options. Would an 8:45am start time make a difference? It may be a reasonable compromise. The main concerns are Pastor Nancy's safety and it would be nice if she could be at Messiah for coffee fellowship. The Stewardship/Finance committee was asked to present the financial impact of going alone without FLPW. We have had a very positive working relationship with FLPW and so far it's been working well. Other options were considered including having coffee fellowship before church. This issue will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Reconnecting letters. Pastor Nancy read reconnecting letters to the council. **M/S/C to authorize Pastor Nancy to send them at her discretion.**

M/S/C to adjourn at 7:40 pm.