

## **Messiah Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes February 17, 2015, 6:00 p.m.**

**Attendees:** Bob Leis, Tom Murphy, Bob Follis, Cheryl Follis, Jim Thoreson, Ginny Pedersen, Keith Holm, Pastor Nancy Hanson, Dede Maki, Travis Tulowitzkey,

**Absent:** Linda Coleman, Clayton Koss

**Guests:** Jim Pedersen

**Meeting called to order.**

Opening devotions by Pastor Nancy with a discussion on A Covenant of Leadership.

**M/S/C to approve the secretary's report as presented.**

**M/S/C to approve the Treasurers report as presented.** It was recommended that the weekly contribution budget along with the actual amount of contributions received be included in the weekly church bulletin.

**Pastors Report:** A written report was presented. Pastor Nancy will be making application for a Lilly Grant for a sabbatical. She is working on the application and will present it to the council when it's completed. She also reported that she asked Erik Overby if it's possible to get sound in the basement using our current sound system. This will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

**M/S/C to accept the Pastor's Report as presented.**

### **Reports:**

**Worship Ministry:** No Report

**Learning Ministry:** No Report

**Support Ministry:** Windows ordered for the church basement and parsonage basement. Bob Leis gave an update on the hall paint and carpet project. A donor is giving \$2,500 in matching funds to money raised for the project which would get us to the \$5,000 goal.

**HHH:** 58 Valentine's plates were delivered and greatly appreciated by those who received them. Special thanks to Linda Leis and everyone who worked on the project. Next meeting of HHH will be on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Parsonage Committee:** The committee reported getting two market analysis reports from two area REALTORS. The values ranged from the mid \$120's to the mid \$150's. There was a discussion about establishing a housing allowance for the Pastor if the parsonage is sold. There was no decision on the amount of the allowance. More information is needed. **M/S/C to refer the decision on the sale of the parsonage back to the Parsonage Committee with a request that they make a recommendation on the possible sale, the amount of a possible housing allowance, and a recommendation on investing the proceeds from the sale to cover the cost of the housing allowance.** President Bob will update the congregation on the possible sale of the parsonage on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**M/SC to adjourn at 7:15pm**

Submitted by Keith Holm