

Messiah Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes, May 11 2017

Meeting Called to Order at 5:30pm

Members Present: Carol Salminen, Ginny Pedersen Cheryl Follis, Bob Follis, Keith Holm, Bob Leis, Dede Maki, Jim Thoreson, Travis Tulowitzky Pastor

Nancy Absent: Linda Coleman, Tom Murphy

Meeting called to order. Pastor led devotions with scripture (Matthew 7:1-5) and prayer.

Secretary report: M/S/C that the January 31, 2017 council minutes be approved.

Pastor report: Pastor Nancy passed out written report. Nancy reported that the sabbatical proposal was mailed on April 20. An outcome of writing this proposal was the idea that Messiah and First Lutheran members and friends write a book with stories of people coming to see themselves as beloved children of God. Several stories are already collected.

Learning Ministry: Youth Ministry Team meets monthly. WWW attendance is down from the first half of the year, which is often the case. VBS is June 26-29 with Luther Park counselors leading. Twelve youth are attending bible camp this summer. Carol reported on the First Thursday, Now on Tuesday Ministry.

Sound System: Installation complete. Thanks to donations from the Nell Bodin family, the system has been paid for through donations.

Support Ministry: C & S Design & Engineering, Inc. submitted an Observation Report for Messiah Lutheran Church. Council members reviewed the report and discussed the next steps. M/S/C that Messiah pay the full \$2000 for this report which will also include cost estimates for the various building repair recommendations. The \$2000 shall be borrowed from Messiah's Memorial Fund

HHH: No report.

New Business: Discussion continued regarding the Observation Report. Council President Keith Holm recommends that everyone read the whole report and start praying and wondering about the priority building needs. There is a bottleneck moving from the orange carpeted room to the tile room when Messiah hosts dinners. Think creatively on how we could possibly change how we enter the meal area. The idea of starting with a remodel of the orange carpeted room was shared.

-June 17 Garage Sale Plans are underway. Those doing the heavy lifting & organizing will decide the details about what rooms to use.

-June 25 Worship and Chicken Dinner. Cheryl Follis will apply for \$250 Thrivent Action Team grant to help with chicken dinner expenses.

--Stewardship and Finance committee submitted a quarterly service pledge sheet for July-Sept. This sheet should be in the June-July newsletter. After the March 5th Giving Sunday service announcing pledge sheets for service and for financial giving, 33 people filled out pledge sheets.

-Jimmy Thoreson agreed to co-chair the Lutefisk Dinner with Keith Holm for December, 2017!

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TREASURER'S REPORT delivered. Overall, year to date, we are in the black. Cheryl has been getting monthly mission plan budget numbers to Tracy for the Messiah bulletin.

M/S/C to adjourn followed by closing prayer.

Next meeting: July 6th, 5:30 pm