

Messiah Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes November 18, 2014, 6:00 p.m.

Attendees: Bob Leis, Harriett Elliott, Bob Follis, Cheryl Follis, Jim Thoreson, Ginny Pedersen, Keith Holm, Pastor Nancy Hanson, Dede Maki, Linda Coleman

Absent: Cyndi Belanger, Clayton Koss

Guests:

Meeting called to order.

Opening devotions by Pastor Nancy with a discussion of joys and fears of becoming an RIC Church.

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

M/S/C to approve the Treasurers report as presented. Cheryl reported that we have about \$23,000 in a memorial fund at Bremer Bank. We also have an Endowment Fund with about \$30,000 in CD's in a bank in Chicago. There are many necessary and vital repairs needed to be made on our building. **M/S/C to recommend that membership approve dissolving the Endowment Fund as CD's mature transferring the money to the general fund at the February 1 Annual Meeting.**

Pastors Report: A written report was presented. Reminded the council that we continue our efforts to reach out to youth. She is still looking for other churches who might be interested in sponsoring VBS again for this summer.

It was reported that Dianne Heapy is making an application to become a diaconal minister through the ELCA. Her application has been completed. **M/S/C to support Dianne in her application to become a diaconal minister.**

Pastor Nancy will check with Erik Overby to see what we need to do to have audio from church services in the basement.

Support Ministry: Reported that John Nyara completed the new roof on the entry to the church. There is a lot of additional maintenance that needs to be done. John will be getting estimates for new windows for the church basement and the parsonage basement.

Learning Ministry: Linda Coleman reported that Sunday School is going well. No play planned at this time. Kids will be singing in church Sunday.

Youth Ministry: We received a request for a youth group from Menomonie to use the church basement the last week in June. **M/S/C to allow the youth group to use the basement the last week in June.**

Miscellaneous: Dede Maki presented the council with a draft of a form that could be used to keep better track of Messiah Church projects. It will be reviewed at the next meeting.

RIC: The council reviewed a draft welcoming statement that will be presented to the membership at the annual meeting on February 1. **M/S/C to present the following welcoming statement:**

“We welcome people of every age, color, culture and political persuasion, every sexual orientation and gender identity, socio-economic status and ability as we celebrate together our unity in Christ.”

New Business: Pastor Nancy reported that she and her husband are interested in purchasing a home and would like the council to consider how to proceed. Bob Leis and Jim Pederson will work on this project.

Our December 16th meeting will begin at 5:30pm.

M/SC to adjourn at 7:40pm

Submitted by, Keith Holm