

Messiah Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2014, 6:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Cyndi Belanger

Guests: Dianne Heapy, Bill Luckenbill, and Bill Kaufmann.

Meeting called to order.

Opening healing hands prayer by Pastor Nancy.

The Council received a letter from Bill Luckenbill encouraging the council to approve a resolution that would bring the RIC issue to the members at the next annual meeting in February. After discussion, **M/S/C to put the RIC motion on the agenda for approval at the annual meeting in February and to put a notice to members in the Messenger.**

Secretary's Report: M/S/C to Approve the August Secretary's report

Treasurer's Report: Noted that there was an unbudgeted expense of \$500 to move the donated piano to the church. **M/S/C to approve the Treasurers report.**

Pastor's Report: Pastor Nancy presented a written report and noted the good work done for our God's Work, Our Hands event. Thanks to all who participated. There was discussion about doing a release in the Milestones section of the paper on our policy on same gender marriage. It was decided to take no action on a release at this time.

Support Ministry: There has been a bit of a delay in beginning some needed repairs. Things should get going once Dick Olson has recovered from surgery. Pastor Nancy said she would contact the electrician to complete the electrical work at the parsonage. Keith Holm reported that there was an anonymous donation of \$500 to the maintenance fund.

Leaning Ministry: Sunday school starts next week. They will meet in the carpeted room. Coffee fellowship will be in the tiled room. Special thanks to Dede and Linda for cost saving efforts. They are not sure how many kids will participate.

Old Business: Dianne reported that she would finalize an agreement with BART and confirm transportation costs. She will check with other Washburn churches to see if they would share costs. There are many who might use a free transportation service including elderly, some Northern Lights residents and maybe even Sunday school kids.

New Business: We received a request from the Washburn Chamber of Commerce for a financial donation to Homecoming 2015. **M/S/C to donate what we donated five years ago up to \$100.**

An individual is considering donating a lawn tractor to the church. Pastor Nancy will write up an agreement and have the donor sign before picking up the tractor.

Michelle McCumber has offered to donate a computer to the church. It would need software and there would be labor costs to install and transfer data to the new computer. **M/S/C to spend up to \$500 to get a new computer for the parish assistant.** Keith will check to see if we could get software donated.

Council members were advised to take their notebooks home and update their information and bring them to future meetings. Handouts will be provided to be inserted in books.

The next meeting will be on October 21st.

M/S/C to adjourn at 7:20pm.

Closing prayer.

Submitted by, Keith Holm