

Messiah Lutheran Church Council Minutes, February 24, 2018 – 9:30 a.m.-noon

Annual Retreat Meeting

Present: Dede Maki, Ginny Pedersen, Bob Leis, Diane Heapy, Cheryl Follis, Kelly Bierl, Julie Vadnais, Pastor Nancy, Troy Schmidtke

Absent: Keith Holm, Linda Coleman, Travis Tulowitzky, Jim Thoreson

- Pastor Nancy led the group in a visualization exercise in preparation to answer Pastor Ron's questions. As a collective group, council members answered these questions.
- Several documents were shared with council members including characteristics of healthy congregations, the job description for council members and the mission action plan.
- Lunch was served.
- Secretary's report from 1/7/18 and Carol Salminen's resignation from council was approved. Motion by Cheryl. Second by Diane. Approved.
- Ministry Area Reports:
 - HHH – 60 Valentine's Day plates were distributed. Easter food baskets are being planned, members have aided other in driving them to doctor appointments. Additional drivers are needed. Other members are visiting elderly members. Discussed the need to have the ministry booklet updated.
 - Stewardship/Finance & Save the Steeple Update – Meeting on Tuesday. Costs are a little higher than originally thought and will be discussed. Need to determine next steps and how committed the congregation is to this project.
- Informational Items
 - Constitution needs to be updated. A small committee will be formed to review possibilities. Committee members may consist of council and non-council members.
 - Reviewed the Covenant of Spiritual Leadership document.
 - Will review the other documents mentioned above and will bring back revisions & recommendations to the next meeting.
- New Business
 - Meeting dates & times

Discussed options. We will meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. for the next 4 months and then re-evaluate meeting frequency and schedule.

- Reviewed upcoming calendar items from March to July 2018.
- Treasurer's Report – Motion by Julie. Second by Diane. Approved.
- Adjourn – Pastor Nancy led us in the Lord's Prayer. Motion by Julie. Second by Cheryl. Approved.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 20, 2018, 6:00 p.m.