

## **Council Minutes for Tuesday, July 17, 2018, 6:00 p.m.**

Present: Ginny Pedersen, Pastor Nancy, Dianne Heapy, Linda Coleman, Travis Tulowitzky, Cheryl Follis, Jimmy Thoreson, Absent: Dede Maki, Julie Vadnais  
Ginny called the meeting to order. Dianne Heapy gave opening devotions.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT** from June 19, 2018. Motion to approve by Bob/2<sup>nd</sup> by Cheryl.

**PASTOR'S** written report available. Nancy shared Pastor Ron's comments, thoughts, questions and ideas he offered for us to share with others. Copies of his three-page document available in church office.

### **MINISTRY AREA REPORTS**

Heaven's Helping Hands, ELCA Outreach Grant – Bob Leis discovered yesterday that the \$1000 Outreach Grant was awarded to Messiah to feed hungry children. Bob and Mary Skerick and Dianne Heapy have been feeding hungry children for six weeks already!

Stewardship/Finance – will meet before next council meeting.

Save the Steeple- Letters will be sent to outside groups during construction. Dirt work starts during the day-on August 13. Pastor Nancy will ask St. Louis Catholic Church if Messiah could use their church for funerals etc. while Messiah is under construction. Nancy could brainstorm ideas on how our youth might be together this fall  
Sabbatical Goals for the congregation – Renewal happened in many ways including book studies.

Drivers for Northern Lights Van –LeAnn House will now drive monthly, not weekly, so Messiah needs to get a volunteer to coordinate the volunteer drivers. Several people have had van training.

June garage sale earnings was \$1015 and \$1100 for Chicken Dinner. July 27 Salad Luncheon plans underway.

Improving communications. How are we doing on our April council suggestions? Some of them are happening.

“Bold Generosity” ELCA Synod Appeal Technology grants available and due August 30. Nancy will ask Keith Holm if he would be interested in completing this application.

Mission Action Planning, we need to get started-Include continuing study in spiritual leadership, the discussion begun in the Canoeing the Mountains book study. Include influence from our updated/being updated constitution... especially Chapter 4, “Statement of Purpose”. Use Pastor Ron's “observations, thoughts, and suggestions” after spending three months as Messiah's Bridge Pastor during Pastor Nancy's Sabbatical.

Newsletter: Put on Facebook and/or Website. Tracy estimates that it takes ten hours to create the newsletter. This much extra time and postage cost is not in our budget, so eventually, we will return to every other month.

Clipboards – Put clip boards on the “stuff table”.

During the August meeting: Discuss a postponed date for the Lutefisk Dinner due to our construction project.

Bob Leis recommended that all five area churches sign one letter to Washburn School Principal to request that sports do not happen on Wednesday nights during the school year.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**-In the black by \$246.69 with good help from Garage Sale and Chicken Dinner fundraisers. **Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m. Adjourn:** Prayer & Blessing

Next meeting August 14, 2018, Tuesday, 6:00 p.m. Opening devotions will be led by Bob Leis.