

## **Messiah Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes, December 4, 2016.**

**Members Present:** Ginny Pedersen, Cheryl Follis, Keith Holm, Bob Leis, Dede Make, Carol Salminen, Travis Tulowitzky, Tom Murphy, Pastor Hanson.

**Members Absent:** Jim Thoreson, Linda Coleman, Bob Follis.

**Guest:** Diane Heapy.

Meeting called to order at 9:55 am.

**Secretary's Report:** M/S/C **unanimously** to approve minutes (attached) from the October 2, 2016 meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** M/S/C **unanimously** to approve the Treasurer's Report (attached).

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor Nancy noted a Discretionary payment of \$150 will be made to Leann House for her work driving the bus picking up members for church and events. Pastor also provided thanks to the Finance Committee and to both Bob Leis and Bob Follis for their efforts and hard work around the church.

### **Finance Committee:**

- **Advertising Policy.** Discussion was held regarding the number of ads to include in each bulletin, how to manage the ads and if it was needed. **M/S/C with one vote opposed** to have one business card size ad per bulletin for a fee of \$25, a disclaimer included to note this is a paid advertisement not an endorsement, to start after the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year and that no posters will be permitted in the church.
- **M/S/C unanimously** to approve the Building and Grounds Committee is authorized to spend up to \$500 as needed without Finance Committee or Council approval for small repairs, cleaning supplies and other consumables.

### **New Business:**

- Council Meeting Times and Dates – **M/S/C unanimously** to have six council meetings in 2017 in January, March, May, July, September and November with the meetings held on the first Sunday of the month at 9:45 am. It was noted if necessary special council meetings could be scheduled or the Executive committee consisting of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Immediate Past President will be authorized to act on behalf of the council.
- Building and Grounds
  - A proposal was received in the amount of \$25,000 for repairs to the steeple, reroofing and soffit repairs.
  - Included in the same proposal was a bid of \$4,000 for carpeting the orange room.
  - Discussion was held discussing a mixed use facility.
  - Dede and Bob Leis will schedule a joint meeting between the Building & Grounds Committee and the Finance

- The 2017 Budget was discussed and the following items were noted to be included in the budget
  - Three fundraising events – Garage Sale, Lutefisk Raffle & a No Pot Pot Luck
  - Two hours per week will be added for Tracy

**Informational Items:**

- Thanksgiving Dinner raised \$1,375 + \$250 from NAPA for a total of \$1,625.
- Thanks to all who helped on the Thanksgiving and Lutefisk Dinners.
- February Annual Meeting scheduled for February 5, 2016 with a No Pot Pot Luck to follow – it was agreed the Council will be the sponsor.
- Nate Swiston of Washburn Hardware will be donating a Christmas Tree again with delivery scheduled for 12/5/16.

**Follow-up Items:**

- Microphone System – Keith Holm to get information on repair and replacement cost and bring to the next Finance Committee meeting
- Pastor Nancy and Keith Holm will plan for an offsite strategy meeting.
- All council members need to think about how to communicate our budget situation of the shortfall in weekly contributions and bring ideas to the next council meeting.
  - Dede and Bob Leis will schedule a joint meeting between the Building & Grounds Committee and the Finance

Motion to Adjourn 11:10 am.