

## **Messiah Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes, November 5, 2017**

Members present: Cheryl Follis, Bob Follis, Bob Leis, Dede Maki, Jim Thoreson, Carol Salminen, Linda Coleman, Ginny Pedersen, Pastor Nancy

Members absent: Keith Holm, Travis Tulowitzky, Tom Murphy

Meeting called to order at 10:05 a.m. by VP Ginny Pedersen. Pastor Nancy led us in prayer. Secretary's report from 8/3/17 was discussed and approved. Motion: Dede/2nd: Jim. Motion passed.

### **Action Items:**

Report from joint Building & Grounds Finance Stewardship Committee – Dede and Bob L. gave updates on the project. It will cost up to \$200,000 for the phases of the project to be complete. (See handout.) We are still working on exact costs and it is likely to be less than this amount. Reviewed the phases of the project and what it will entail. (See handout.)

**Approved main roof and steeple repair contract at an approximate cost of \$41,000. This does not include the flat roof and gutters. Motion: Linda/2nd: Jim. Motion passed.**

**Approved capital campaign – Dede gave an update on this project. (See handout.) Discussion: There is a letter about half drafted. Dede & Keith will finalize this. Carol recommended reaching out to the Synod to find out if other churches our size have had capital campaigns and what they learned from them. We are most interested in successful campaigns. Pastor Nancy will call the Synod for this information. We discussed using professional fund raisers and the committee and Council are not in favor of this. Linda recommended including an automatic deduction form and an addressed envelope in the letters sent out since they are going to everyone and it would be great if more people used the automatic deductions. Linda also recommended establishing a GoFundMe site (or similar website) to get donors. There was discussion about asking other churches to help fund this project. At this time, the group was not comfortable doing this. We will utilize a bulletin board to communicate efforts with the church family. We still need to determine how we will manage donations & pledges and we need to determine how long this campaign will last. We need to be clear in our communications about how the capital campaign and annual giving (operating budget) are different and both are necessary. (See handout for timeline.) Motion: Bob L/2nd: Jim. Motion passed.**

**Update/Review Mission Action Plan – Ginny and Dede reviewed the Mission Action Plan. (See handouts.) An overview of the 2016-2017 was given. The 2018 plan was presented. Suggested changes: Keep Friendship Sunday and Parents' Night Out in the 2018 plan. Also add to the Youth goal: involving young people in fund raisers and their responsibilities after they return from a church sponsored activity. Dede will work on wording. Also, it was suggested removing "Provide funding for kids who cannot afford church-sponsored events such as skating, swimming, etc." for 2018. Dede will make these changes to the documents. (Note: A more in-depth planning process will be used for a multi-year plan for 2019.) Motion to approve 2018 plan: Carol/2nd: Jim. Motion Passed.**

Ministry Reports – none

Pastor's Report:

See handout for Pastor Nancy's recent and upcoming activities.

Discussion on and recommendation of a cash gift for Tom Yost's 25th Anniversary – **Motion to approve a monetary gift in thanks for Tom.: Bob F./2nd: Jim. Motion passed.**

Discussion on and recommendation that Dianne Heapy apply to be a Synodically Authorized Minister at no cost to the church. (See handout for letter and details.) **Motion: Carol/2nd: Cheryl. Motion passed.**

**New Business:**

Overview of the All Saints Day Supper & Service was presented by Ginny. This was held on November 1st and was the 5th anniversary of the 1st all-inclusive service held at Messiah. 50+ people attended the meal.

HHH is working on preparations for the Thanksgiving Dinner to be held on 11/8/17. Bob L. gave an update.

Sabbatical Update: Pastor Nancy shared some of the details of her sabbatical. She passed out a brochure of FAQs. If you have feedback on this brochure, please get it to her before next Sunday, 11/12/17. She is writing a book as part of her experience. If you would like to proof-read it, please contact her. Pastor Ron Hanson will be in town in November and will be meeting with some Council members then. Date TBD.

Lutefisk & Meatball Dinner – Jim and Keith are co-chairing this event. There will be a planning meeting on Thursday.

Heavenly Basket Raffle – Wendy Murphy is chairing this project. Tickets are currently available and cost \$5 for 3 tickets. There are currently 8-9 baskets to raffle off and that might be enough for this fund raiser.

**Discussed Council Member Positions for 2018** – Ginny will move into the President position. Tom will be vacating the Secretary position – Dede will fill for one year. A Vice President needs to be identified. If you have suggestions, please talk with Ginny. Terms completed at the beginning of 2018: Bob F., Tom, Travis, Cheryl. Due to serving 2 terms, Bob F. will come off of Council. Tom & Travis can serve another term if they would like to do so. Cheryl will stay on Council as Treasurer. A review of the constitution needs to be done to determine if she will also stay on as a "regular" Council member. Ginny would like to see a diverse Council with members from the various church committees/groups.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Cheryl shared Profit & Lost statements. We currently are in the black for 2017.

**Next Meeting Date: January 7, 2018, after Worship.**

Closing Prayer: Led by Pastor Nancy.

Motion to adjourn at 11:30 a.m. by Bob L. 2nd by Jim.