

**Church Council**  
**Meeting Minutes – November 15, 2016**

Call to Order at 7:15pm devotions done by Pastor Jon.

Present: Pastor Frank, Pastor Jon, Pastor Leslie, Dave Leshner, Ted Norris, Vicki Ibarra, Dean Petersen, Lisa Gardiner, Peter Bostrom, Karen Harris, Gwynnae Byrd, Nick Zylstra, Karen Barret Ross.

Absent: Charlaune Hamilton.

Guest: Amy Chance, Chair of the Social Ministry Committee.

Announcements: Pastor Frank announced that a movie was being shot on campus but not in any sacred areas.

Approval of Minutes with 3 changes: Gwynnae made the motion and Pastor Frank seconded with approval by all.

**Pastors Reports**

Pastor Frank:

- ❖ Letter of agreement for new Director of Resources and Administration, Diane White who is a member of the congregation.
- ❖ Ron Dwyer Voss is working with directors for strategic plan/activity plans, and dates for 2020. The Wonderers Committee is on sabbatical.
- ❖ sesquicentennial Committee-over \$100,000.00 for the stained-glass windows so now can do repairs for other windows of approximately \$36,000.00 and \$32,000.00.
- ❖ First English-reviewing the missions City Church provides and approach to the community-would like to consider their proposal. Special meeting set for 11-29-2016 with City Church representatives. Pastor Frank and some executive committee members met with the Pastor and other City Church members and were very impressed.
- ❖ Disappointed that Mogavero did not come up to expected offer that was initially committed.
- ❖ Another gift for the parking lot made for \$30,000.00.

Pastor Leslie:

- ❖ Day before Thanksgiving meal taken on by Amy Chance. We recognized Linda Faux for 19 years of coordinating this community meal.
- ❖ Food pantry to be part of the chapel space; will add warm items like socks, jackets, blankets. Tim from CDFB will stock the pantry on an ongoing basis, but congregation to get it started.
- ❖ Michael Degner is teaching adult Sunday school focusing on epistle lessons until the end of the year.
- ❖ Robin Strickler from Rwanda will be here to speak about the school. Possible Lenten offering to help with solar panels, the project costs around \$30,000.00.
- ❖ Habitat for Humanity – two build days in December, January and February; she will send out what days.

Pastor Jon:

- ❖ Interim assistant, Ashley Ford, to help immediately.
- ❖ Sending out inquiries for youth minister focusing initially on senior high youth with assistant to that person focusing on younger children with a possible March start time.
- ❖ Retreats coming up.
- ❖ Confirmation-about twenty youth every week.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** by Ted Norris:

- ❖ Living Stones balance of \$649,000 on the loan.
- ❖ Stewardship committee doing a great job.
- ❖ Currently have 225 pledges for \$800,000.00 -last year had 300 pledges for just under one million dollars.
- ❖ Finance committee is on board with the budget which includes community life/volunteer coordinator.
- ❖ Discussion on how to broaden base and do outreach.

Checking account:	\$110,984
Community Bank MM:	\$339,521
MIF:	\$55,518
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$506,023</b>

Discussion of tithing to the synod.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Report by Amy Chance, Committee Chair for Social Ministry

She reported that she was asked by the council to look at benevolence. Committee reviewed how the organizations were connected with St. John's and made recommendations for giving as part of the overall budget

- included school in Rwanda
- took out Lutheran School in Elk Grove
- possibility of benevolences going up in regular annual budget
- reconciling works-did not get registered due to paperwork/documentation oversight

**NEW BUSINESS**

Alcohol requests as part of activities/events:

- Ryan's ordination on December 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Santa Lucia on December 11<sup>th</sup>
- Blue Christmas on December 4<sup>th</sup>
- Crab Feed on January 14

Motion by Karen Ross and Second by Gwynnae Byrd to approve requests; motion passed.

Adjourned 9:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa