

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

Council Meeting

August 17, 2017

Council Mission Statement: "We exist, with God's help, to provide leadership for the Salem Lutheran church congregation.

Present: Lynn Hansen, Sherri Godfrey, Meriellen Pisarek, Cecil Schmidt , Kris Schmidt, Paul Tesdahl, Di Hein, Ken Stebbins, Randy Holmwig

Also present: Don Hales, Chair, Salem Outreach Committee

Absent: Pastor Mike Briggs

The meeting was called to order, by president Lynn Hansen.

Meeting was opened a devotion from *Embracing Stewardship*, chapter 8.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

MOTION: to approve the minutes from council meeting, July 20, 2017. MSC

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Giving exceeded expenses in July by \$3,746.27.
- Final insurance payments on Salem West fire are expected to be complete within 10 days.
- Report approval was tabled to clarify accounting information.

PASTOR'S REPORT

- Reviewed written report in Pastor Mike's absence.

STAFF REPORTS

- Accepted from Greg and Connie Lou.

SALEM WEST UPDATE

- Final insurance payments on Salem West fire are expected to be complete within 10 days.
- Working with City of Deerwood to rezone old Salem West lot as residential.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Facilities- Security system has not had a system check since it was put in. **MOTION:** to proceed with a security system check up if the cost does not exceed \$250. MSC
- Salem Outreach- Don Hales was present to review SOC recommendations for Deacon Greg Meyer regarding comp time, expenses and job description. Suggestions for revisions to the Deacon's job description were referred to personnel committee. Mission trip expense will be considered as a new line item in next year's budget.
- Capital Appeal- Volunteers will be delivering pledge cards this Sunday, August 20 and picking them up on Sunday, August 27.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Higher Call concert event: Waiting on Higher Call to provide us with possible dates.
- Food distribution program: Pastor Mike is gathering more information.
- Wish list: **Motion:** to approve "Special Gift Ideas for Salem Lutheran Church" as written. MSC. Publish in The Connection, announcements, Sunday morning preservice slideshow, emails, post on SLC website, and print a copy for kiosk in the Narthex. Memorial committee to be put in charge of updating list as needed.
- Labor Day Weekend Worship: Worship and Music Committee is planning the outdoor service for Labor Day Sunday, September 3, at 9:00 am, one worship service that day at Salem West.
- Coins for Africa Aid- Carol Brezina is working with Pastor Mike on this.
- Celebration of the Reformation Anniversary: Saturday October 14, 2:00 at 1st Lutheran Church in Aitkin.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Nominating committee is being convened in September.
- Thankyou letter to Jeff Schmidt for help with the Salem West Insurance Settlement. Card and letter to be sent.
- App for giving to Salem Lutheran Church: Developing an app to make online giving to SLC simple and quick. **MOTION:** to move forward with the giving app development, allowing the giver to choose to pay the online giving fee or opt to have Salem take the fee out of their gift. MSC.

SOS:

- None

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Announcements:

- The 2017 Fall Theological Conference is set for September 24-26th at Rutgers Sugar Lake Lodge in Grand Rapids, MN.

Meeting adjourned and closed with the Lord's prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Kris Schmidt