

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
COUNCIL MINUTES – APRIL 6, 2017

7:00 PM – UPPER ROOM

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- A welcoming community experiencing God, reaching out and raising up followers of Jesus Christ.

**Members Present:** Annette Haynes, Sheri Dittrich-Reinhart, Brad Haynes, Kitty Hietala, Scott Blumhoefer, Ted Sauers, Pastor Deb Bergstrand, Pastor Dave Nissen, Zach Hansen, Maxine Remme

Call to Order: Sheri

**Devotions:** Sheri Dittrich-Reinhart. The Problem of Busyness. Is.30:15

**Agenda Accepted** Motion by Scott and seconded by Annette. MSP

1. Consent Agenda/ Motion by Annette, Seconded by Ted to accept consent agenda. MSP
  - a. Minutes from last meeting –in Handout Packet
  - b. Staff Report – In Handout Packet
  - c. Personnel Handbook Amendment. Remove and move to new business
  - d. Amended motion – Scott made motion Annette seconded MSP
2. **Financial Report** by Scott Blumhoefer. See Handouts
  - a. Feb./March Did see some increase in giving
  - b. Anticipating that April will be a big month due to Easter that month  
Motion by Brad and seconded by Annette to accept report. MSP
3. **Strategic Plan Goal Monitoring:**  
No Update – will be covered in new business
4. **Old Business**
  - a. Vote on Covenant: Handed out to Board members. Change wording from accept to adopt.  
Motion by Brad and seconded by Annette to accept with change. MSP
  - b. Update on Equipping Congregation Ideas – Information is amazing. More on Wednesdays schedule has to be worked on. Doing worship on Wednesday is working well with many congregations
  - c. Pastor Dave gave a report on Equipping Congregation Ideas: World Café, Reformation plans, Art, lots of excitement on the group meeting.
5. **New Business:**
  - a. **Points of Information:** Update on Endowment Committee. Legacy Fund –Amy Bigot from ELCA will present to congregation next fall 2017. Distribution of funds will make people aware of this fund.

- i. Green Lake support. \$345.00 was sent to Green Lake Bible Camp from Lenten supper.
  - ii. Mission Support: Thank you note received from Bishop's office
  - iii. June 10<sup>th</sup> Zach will be preaching and a friend of Pastor Dave's will be here to distribute communion. Both Pastors have family wedding commitments that weekend.
- **b. Sound System Update** - Had an independent expert come in and give a report on sound system.
    - a. Sound system speakers need to be changed as they are all pointing in the same center direction.
    - b. at least \$30,000 plus electrical for phase 1. Designated donations are in a fund
    - c. Fall Installation
3. **Resignation from Becky Eikanger.** Motion to accept resignation by Ted seconded by Annette MSP
  4. A motion by Brad and seconded by Kitty to accept moving ahead with Children's Youth and Family Focus Group project to listen to congregation and plan for future. Led by Pastor Deb with Marilyn Sharpe as consultant MSP
  5. Announced to congregation after Becky has a chance to meet with the Children's Ministry Team.
  6. Children and Youth Ministry Planning Project.
    - a. Marilyn Sharp will come in and meet with various Focus Groups after Easter She and Pastor Deb will be the facilitators for groups.
    - b Will meet with 4 groups and we will be adding 2 more groups. Will start with Confirmation parents after Easter.
    - c. She will be working with groups from birth and on up.
    - d Focusing on needs of our congregation.
    - e. Will meet with staff as well
    - f. Will put together a report which will be shared with congregation as well as Council as to what the congregation needs and how to proceed with replacing Becky.
    - g. Zach is already checking to see what other churches our size are doing. Is there a need for a bigger role.
  7. Policy 112 for support staff was reviewed. Annette made the motion and Scott seconded to accept. MSP.
  8. **Communication to Congregation** will be done by Sheri
  9. **Next meeting will be April 25 at 7:00 PM**
  10. **Motion to adjourn.** Brad seconded by Annette MSP
  11. **Lord's Prayer**

Respectfully submitted by Maxine Remme Council Secretary