

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Church Council Minutes

January 27, 2015

Our Savior's Lutheran Church:

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

Members Present: Brett Olsen, Bob Gruenhagen, Coryn Enck, Aaron Lambrecht, Tom Kaehler, Melissa Sunderman, Deb Bastian, Pastor John Gabrielson, Zach Hansen, Maxine Remme

Call to Order: President Tom Kaehler

Devotions: Tom Kaehler: On Change: Never changes God's love for us.

Additions to Agenda: None

Approval of minutes from December 30, 2014 council meeting. Motion by Brett, Seconded by Bob to accept. MSP

Treasurer/Financial Report – Bob Gruenhagen

- Referred to Annual Report as final Treasurer's Report
- Presented to Congregation on Sunday, January 25th Approximately 30 to 35 people
- Good questions and comments

Brett Olsen made the motion and Deb Bastian seconded the motion to accept the budget and present to the congregation at the annual meeting. MSP

Old Business:

1. Wild game feed on Saturday, January 31 following 5:30 worship service. Everyone encouraged to attend. Sign up still available.
2. Congregational meeting will be on Sunday, Feb. 1 following the 10:30 am Worship Service. 75 people will be needed for a quorum.
3. Reminder of upcoming equipping congregation day on February 28th at Vinje Lutheran in Willmar, MN,

Staff Reports:

Zach Hansen:

- Junior High Hide and Seek night. About 30 in attendance
- Mt. Kato – 123 attended. 90 from OSLC.
- Motown Fundraiser – Tickets for sale. February 15th. \$15.00 and \$8.00 Dinner and show
- Junior High Spring event coming in March
- Becky, Zach. And members from Christ the King are in dialog with Public School for program in April or early May.

- V.B.S. preps are ongoing. Cute ads recently made for publicity
- Packages are being put together to send to college students
- Lenten suppers will be the same as last year. Each board will take a week. Profit may or may not be shared with youth. That is up to the board serving the meal. Youth will help serve.
- Zach will be attending a workshop for Detroit Extravaganza.

Pastor John:

- 1 funeral
- 2 Baptisms
- Anniversary of baptism milestone
- Staff luncheon held.
- Adult Bible Studies going well.
- Thursday afternoon cancelled. Poorly attended. Not a good use of staff hours. Most people from that group now attending the morning session.
- Video help is needed.
- Men's Leadership program– No Man Left Behind book – purpose to make disciples of men in our congregation to become more involved. Better Equipped to be involved. Reservations are being taken.
- Thank you note to be signed for Bishop Jon for being a part of our service.
- Homeless shelter house project with New Ulm Ministerium not moving ahead as the Bush grant was not received. Reason: Not enough beds.
- Annual Meeting – Sound System
- Questions on Sunday regarding purging of names. Handout from Pastor Deb explaining process.
- Question regarding the impact of new worship times. Not a significant difference in total numbers

Board Reports:

- Trustee report that work will be starting in the next week with the Mold concern. Will be checking to identify where leak is coming from. Youth committee asked about possible Exit door being added. Not in current plan. Additional cost to do so.

Committee Reports:

- Personnel committee did not meet

New Business:

1. Reminder first council meeting of the new year will be on Feb. 24. All boards will need to elect new chairs and new council reps. (Must be consistent member of the board to attend council)
2. Board minutes will be posted on website for all boards
3. Boards will need to sign up for Lenten meals. Sheet will be posted on bulletin board
4. All Leader Planning Day, (Board Retreat) will be Sat. March 7 from 9 am to Noon.
5. Council adopting budget. (see above)

Noted that Pastor Deb's housing allowance is \$23,000.00. Pastor John's is \$11,000.00

Before Adjournment: Tom thanked everyone for their time and work on the council. Also indicated that as of now a new Vice President has not been found and that he would be placed in that role until a new one can be found. Also noted that Bob Gruenhagen would be leaving the Treasurer's position at the end of this year. Thanked him for his time as well.

Devotions for February meeting: Tom Kaehler

Motion to adjourn

Lord's Prayer said by all.

Next meeting will be on February 24, 2015 at 7:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted by:

Maxine Remme

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