

LIVING WORD LUTHERAN CHURCH

Council Meeting

August 26, 2014

Members Present: Terri Elsey, Jan Ferguson, Shirley Finley, Chuck Hauck, Don Nelson, Doyle Polson,

Pastor Kluver

Members Absent: Eileen Anderson and Keith Redfield

Appointed Members Present: Gaylen Lerohl

Appointed Members Absent: Dan Haglin

President Jan Ferguson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

DEVOTIONS: Doyle Polson opened the meeting with devotions and prayer.

FORUM TIME: Lynne Lommen addressed her concern of the health of committees.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Don Nelson made a **motion** to approve the minutes from the July 22, 2014, Council Meeting. Chuck Hauck seconded the motion, motion carried.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: No Report

TREASURER'S REPORT: Gaylen Lerohl, Treasurer, presented the following report as of July 31, 2014:

General Fund:

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| Total Income July | \$27,748.89 |
| Total Expenses July | \$17,863.78 |
| July Income Less Expense | \$ 9,885.78 |
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| Total Income Year to Date | \$266,679.39 |
| Total Expenses Year to Date | \$197,205.11 |
| Year to Date Income Less Expense | \$ 69,474.28 |

Doyle Polson made a **motion** to approve the Treasurer's Report. Don Nelson seconded the motion, motion carried.

Gaylen Lerohl, Treasurer, also reported that there will be an informational meeting on budgets for all committee chairs on September 7th, after the worship service.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor A.J. submitted the following report:

"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth." 2 Timothy 2:15

- LWLC Vacation Bible School went very well in my humble opinion. It was well organized and included a large number of volunteers. The material was very solid Biblically and the kids appeared to enjoy themselves.
- Saturday evening worship has seen a decrease in attendance in the month of August. I do report that this has been an enjoyable trial run at an alternative service...not without its benefits for some people.
- The LWLC Praise Band will be taking a break in September. They will resume their monthly worship leading October 12th.
- I'm excited about our new KREW Christian education program for Pre-K to 6th grade youth. Tentative schedules for both Confirmation and Catechism instruction have been made available. Fall confirmands (5 total) are finishing up their mentor activities and will be meeting to plan our Confirmation Sunday on October 26th.
- I spent 3 mornings at Mt. Carmel at the end of July attending teaching sessions by Dr. Steven Paulson, noted Lutheran theologian. This is part of my continuing education and was very informative.
- Google Luke 24: 46-47! *"Jesus said to His disciples, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem'."* Become familiar with this passage of Scripture, as it may well become associated with Living Word Lutheran Church in the months ahead, as the Evangelism Committee attempts to get the word out concerning our community of faith and the mission we have together for Christ. Newspaper ads and yard signs are planned with this verse highlighted.
- Plans are in place for Laurie and me going to Great Lakes, Illinois for Benjamin's boot camp graduation on September 12th. We are planning to spend the week end with him. John Beem will be filling in for me on Sunday, September 14th.

Chuck Hauck requested that Pastor A.J. also include the number of visitations he does each month in his report.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Appoint council member for vacant seat - Don Nelson and Terri Elsey had comprised a list of possible candidates. Two votes were taken. Doyle Polson made a **motion** for President Jan Ferguson, to contact the newly appointed council member. Chuck Hauck seconded the motion, motion carried.
- Pledge Drive III - Don Nelson made a **motion** to approve approximately \$600 for the expenses of the Building Pledge Drive III. Chuck Hauck seconded the motion, motion carried.
- Garage – Doyle Polson updated the Council on the building of the garage. The cement slab has been poured. Materials will be delivered on Thursday.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Policy Change – Doyle Polson made a **motion** to approve combining the Youth/Family Committee with the Christian Education Committee and having a Youth Christian Education Committee (Pre-K-grade 12) and a separate Adult Christian Education Committee (Post-High School and beyond). Shirley Finley seconded the motion, motion carried.
- Information Table – Chuck Hauck will continue to over-see the Information Table, but it will not have a volunteer there every week. The first Sunday of the month when the Newsletter is

available and when financial statements are available, there will be someone at the Information Table.

- Council Liaison Comments:

The Stewardship Fair will be October 19th and each committee will need to have a committee member sitting at their committee's table

Christian Education – KREW information was passed out. The Catechism Instruction and Confirmation schedules were passed around to the council members to review.

Augustana District Council Meeting – Gaylen Lerohl presented information about the meeting, which he attended in the Cities. There will be a meeting on September 4th at 1:00 at LWLC.

Brochures will be coming out shortly about a conference, which will be held on October 31-Nov 1 in Golden Valley sponsored by the Augustana District entitled "Conflict Resolution Before the Conflict".

ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES:

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING – September 18, 2014 – 4:30 p.m.

COUNCIL MEETING – September 23, 2014 – 7:00 p.m. – DEVOTIONS: Shirley Finley

CLOSING PRAYER: The meeting was closed with a prayer from Pastor A.J. and the Lord's Prayer.

ADJOURN: Chuck Hauck made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 p.m. Don Nelson seconded the motion, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Elsey, Secretary