

LIVING WORD LUTHERAN CHURCH

COUNCIL MINUTES

August 25, 2015

Members Present: Terri Elsey, Jan Ferguson, Shirley Finley, Brad Forbrook, Chuck Hauck, Paul Johnson, Jerry Larson, Bruce Wymore, Pastor Kluver **Members Absent:** None

Appointed Members Present: Gaylen Lerohl **Appointed Members Absent:** Dan Haglin

Congregational Members Present: Harold Withers, Doyle Polson, Dennis Kalpin, Connie Berghuis, Ray Bruggman, Dave Anderson, Nancy Anderson, Gayle Nemmers, Audrey Knollenberg, Marlys Greseth, Elder Peterson, Deloris Peterson, Julie Savoie, Denise Stoen, Greg Stoen, Steve Ferguson, Ken Elvehjem, Kay Elvehjem, Curt Kreklau, Sandy Aamold, Curt Aamold, Brian Griesert, Deb Griesert, Gerry Fiecke

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

DEVOTIONS: Gaylen Lerohl opened the meeting with devotions and prayer.

FORUM TIME: Various members from the congregation spoke on issues and concerns at LWLC.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Brad Forbrook made a **motion** to approve the minutes from the July 28, 2015, Council Meeting and the August 11, 2015, Special Council Meeting. Chuck Hauck seconded the motion, motion carried.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: Treasurer Gaylen Lerohl gave the Financial Secretary's Report in the absence of Dan Haglin. The total giving for the month of July 2015 was \$25,816.45. The total giving from January 2015-July 2015 was \$258,148.32. Chuck Hauck made a **motion** to approve the Financial Secretary's Report. Bruce Wymore seconded the motion, motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Gaylen Lerohl, Treasurer, reported as of July 31, 2015, the following:

General Fund:

Total Income July	\$ 28,101.56
Total Expenses July	\$ 23,362.67
July Income Less Expense	\$ 4,738.89
Total Income Year to Date	\$259,987.37
Total Expenses Year to Date	\$147,639.83
Total to Date Income Less Expense	\$112,347.54

Terri Elsey made a **motion** to approve the Treasurer's Report. Jerry Larson seconded the motion, motion carried.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor A.J. gave his monthly report to the Council.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Special Congregational Meeting – The Future of LWLC - Paul Johnson made a **motion** to call an executive session. Chuck Hauck seconded the motion, motion carried. Discussion took place on calling a special congregational meeting.

President Jan Ferguson closed the executive session, returning to the regular meeting at 9:20 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Accountant, 2016 – Gaylen Lerohl presented a proposal regarding hiring our accountant to take on more responsibilities, reducing those of the LWLC Treasurer. She would charge between \$600-800/month. We will be checking with other accountants too. The council will need to make a recommendation soon.
- Correspondence – Due to the content of some emails Jan Ferguson is receiving, the Council agreed that she does not have to answer some of them.
- Council Retreat – September 29th or October 1st. Jan will email council members to see which date works best. The session will be setting goals for 2016.
- Member's Promissory Note – A Congregational member has requested to have LWLC pay back their promissory note due to hardship. Paul Johnson made a **motion** to pay back the unsecured promissory note. Jerry Larson seconded the motion, motion carried.
- An LWCL member was wondering about placing a picture of Christ in our church. This has been turned over to the Property Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES:

- Executive Board Meeting – September 17, 2015 - 3:00 p.m.
- Council Meeting – September 22, 2015 7:00 p.m. DEVOTIONS: Shirley Finley

CLOSING PRAYER: The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

ADJOURN: Chuck Hauck made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting. Brad Forbrook seconded the motion, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Elsey, Secretary