

LIVING WORD LUTHERAN CHURCH

Council Minutes

September 24, 2013

Members Present: Jan Ferguson, Chuck Hauck, David Johnson, Pastor Kluver, Paul Lommen, Doyle Polson, Keith Redfield, and Harold Withers

Members Absent: Eileen Anderson and Julie Savoie

Appointed Members Present: Dan Haglin, Gaylen Lerohl

President Paul Lommen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

DEVOTION'S: Paul Lommen opened the meeting with prayer.

FORUM TIME:

PROPERTY COMMITTEE:

Curt Kreklau, Property Committee Chairman, reported on the following:

- Parking Lot Addition ~ No bids have been received as of yet.
- Policy Recommendation ~ The Property Committee recommends that there be no loaning out of church equipment. An exception to this policy would be if the council approved loaning church equipment to another church or non-profit organization. Chuck Hauck made a **motion** to accept the Property Committee's recommendation. Doyle Polson seconded the motion, motion carried.
- Policy Recommendation ~ The Property Committee recommends that the use of the building be encouraged. Requests from outside sources would be taken before the council for approval. The council will write up a policy that will include guidelines for the use of the building. This will be put on the agenda for the October Council Retreat.
- DOOR MATS ~ The Property Committee suggested that three Apache Eco door mats be purchased for a total of \$475. Doyle Polson explained that the vestibule was carpeted with "walk - off" mats, designed for cleaning feet. The door mats will not be purchased until there appears to be a need for them.

Brad Forbrook, Property Committee, has agreed to oversee our landscaping project and the church sign. He shared a drawing that included a tree planting plan. The goal is to purchase and plant the front eleven trees this fall.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Chuck Hauck made a **motion** to approve the minutes of the August 27th, 2013, council meeting. Dave Johnson seconded the motion, motion carried.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT: Dan Haglin, Financial Secretary, reported that the total giving for the month of August was \$29,053.96 with the year-to-date giving at \$446,800.67. Jan Ferguson made a **motion** to approve the Financial Secretary's report. Harold Withers seconded the motion, motion carried.

Dan Haglin recommended that the church establish and manage an on-line brokerage account. Our policy is that all stock contributions that come into the brokerage account be cashed immediately, requiring no professional advice. The cost would be \$8.95 a trade rather than the \$150 a trade which we currently pay to Focus Financial. Dan Haglin and Gaylen Lerohl would be willing to oversee this account. Doyle Polson made a **motion** to approve this recommendation. Keith Redfield seconded the motion, motion approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Gaylen Lerohl, Treasurer, presented the following report as of 8/31/13:

General Fund

• Total Income Year to Date	\$149,770.31
• Total Expenses Year to Date	\$132,091.71
• Year to Date Income Less Expense	\$ 17,678.60
• Assets Minus Liabilities as of 8/31/13	\$ 61,090.15

Building Fund

• Total Income Year to Date	\$ 253,132.93
• Total Expenses Year to Date	\$1,454,720.31
• Year to Date Income Less Expense	(\$1,201,587.38)
• Assets Minus Liabilities as of 8/31/13	(\$528,550.42)

Doyle Polson made a **motion** to approve the August Treasurer's report. Dave Johnson seconded the motion, motion carried.

Gaylen reviewed the council's budget proposal to be given to the Stewardship Committee. Keith Redfield made a **motion** to approve the proposed council budget. Chuck Hauck seconded the motion, motion carried.

The November newsletter will include a report on the projected cost of the building, the actual cost of the building, the amount paid on the building, and the loans received from our members and the bank.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

- Local Newspaper article ~ "All, some or none of Bible is absolute truth" - that is why we are together as a community of faith. - lift up the authority of Scripture...not as a "some or none" reality...but as an absolute and "all" reality.
- Blessed during worship to be part of the sacrament of Holy Baptisms.
- Taking part in a continuing education opportunity at Lutheran Island Bible Camp on September 22 - 24.

- Sept. 27th - leading the invocation for the Alexandria Hall of Fame Luncheon
- Sept. 28th - officiating at an outdoor wedding ceremony
- Sept. 29th - New Member Sunday and Edmond Oliver Savoie baptism
- Sept. 30th - beginning of a four week Monday Night Bible Study - "Three Keys to What Lutherans Believe" - over 40 people signed up
- October 6 - 10th - LCMC Annual Gathering in Dearborn, Michigan - Pastor AJ, Dave Anderson and Keith Redfield attending
- Sunday School, Catechism and Confirmation Instruction are underway - new students in each of these programs
- Youth Group resumed monthly meetings - theme is "I Tell You the Truth"

OLD BUSINESS:

COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS: A reminder: 2014 committee budgets are due to the Stewardship Committee on October 1, and 2014 committee goals are due to the council on October 20th. These goals should be specific and measurable.

COUNCIL PLANNING SESSION: Saturday, October 26th, 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., at the "Anderson Lodge".

BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE: Doyle Polson, Building Committee Chairman, reported that the following final items should be completed soon:

- Curb for sidewalk cut out and ramp put in
- Exhaust fan on the main unit may need another part
- Training sessions on equipment and systems will take place for some of the Property Committee members. They will also be given the owner manuals for all the equipment.

Doyle is also working with JLG regarding the "return air exchange" situation. There was a mechanical engineering error. This should be settled soon.

Doyle also reported that the cost of the garage will be over the budget that was donated for the following reasons:

- The cost did not include the pad preparation
- A class 5 road needs to be prepared to reach the garage
- There is a small plumbing job that needs to be done (drains).
- Material costs have risen

NEW BUSINESS:

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE: Jan Ferguson made a **motion** to approve the recommendation made by the Memorial Committee to accept a donated gift. Doyle Polson seconded the motion, motion carried. Doyle Polson made a **motion** to add landscaping and the church sign to the memorial envelopes. Chuck Hauck seconded the motion, motion carried.

KITCHEN COMMITTEE: Jan Ferguson made a **motion** that the council formally establishes a kitchen committee. Keith Redfield seconded the motion, motion carried.

VISITOR LETTER: Chuck Hauck requested advice regarding the letter he sends to Sunday morning worship visitors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/UPDATES:

NEXT MEETING: October 26th, 2013 DEVOTIONS – Keith Redfield

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

ADOURN: Dave Johnson made a **motion** to adjourn at 9:20 p.m. Doyle Polson seconded the motion, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jan Ferguson, Secretary