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**March 19, 2019**

**Church Council Meeting**

**Council Members Present**: Pastor Frank Espegren, Pastor Jon Haug, Lisa Berg, Bob Huckfeldt, Ted Norris, Kim Hendricks, Charlene Singley, Joel Kimmelshue, Julie Spezia, Karen Ross, Kurt Barneson, Nick Zylstra, Linda Baldwin

**Guests Present:** Lynne Gilbertson, Ashley Ford, Maryann Hanner, James Kuhl, Katy Grindberg

**Absent**: Devin Hill, Lisa Gardiner, Rebekah Turnbaugh

**Topics:**

1. **Call to Order @ 7:01pm - Lisa Berg**
2. **Opening Devotions - Maryann Hanner**
3. **Approval of Minutes - Lisa Berg**

Motion to approve the February 19, 2019 minutes.

M/Ted Norris S/Bob Huckfeldt Motion passed 100% by voice vote

1. **Call Committee - Joel Kimmelshue**

Introductions were made of all present. Pastor Frank discussed the process of the formation of the call committee. The call committee brings the proposed candidate before the Council who then can recommend a special congregational meeting for a vote on the proposed candidate.

Joel Kimmelshue gave a presentation to the Council with the timeline of the work of the call committee. The call committee is recommending Pastor Amy Kienzle to fill the position of Director of Outreach and be the third pastor for the congregation. After some discussion by the Council, Ted Norris moved to call a special congregational meeting on April 7, 2019 at 1pm to call Amy Kienzle as the Director of Outreach. Julie Spezia seconded the motion. Motion passed 100% by voice vote.

1. **Anchor Church Conference Report - Pastor Frank**

Combined with Pastor Frank’s report below

1. **Pastors Reports -Pastors Frank and Jon**

**Pastor Jon**

* 1. Goals for next year and a half: double the number of Stephen Ministers by fall of 2020, implement a spiritual gifts class for Luminext, and implement programs for families with children 0-3 by December 2019
  2. Continuing leadership with Racial Justice group
  3. Seminary intern Carolyn Brodt will be starting in late August

**Pastor Frank**

1. Excited to share the work of the call committee with the Council and congregation
2. Attended an ELCA Anchor Church conference in Dallas with Linda Baldwin and Steve Schoff. Would like to continue exploring this as a tool for ministry for our congregation. The cost to participate in the program for the year is $1,500.

Bob Huckfeldt moved that St. John’s explore the option of becoming an anchor church at a cost of $1,500. Motion was seconded by Ted Norris. Motion passed 100% by voice vote.

1. **Director of Community Organizing -Rebekah Turnbaugh (in absentia)**
   1. Committee looking into our response to homelessness has been renamed the Homelessness Advocacy Committee and will soon be conducting a listening campaign
   2. Racial Justice Committee continues to work through Lenten Racial Reconciliation Discipline services and will be heading a book study
   3. Public Witness Committee hoping to have a full committee by next month
2. **Executive Director of Administration -Linda Baldwin**
   1. Fully staffed and staff will be participating in training sessions
   2. Roof project is still continuing and work in underway to get a bid package for the drainage and repaving project for the parking lot
   3. Safety Committee will begin awareness and training for the Council and congregation
   4. Work continues with Diane White for the Campus Master Planning Committee and she would like to meet with the Council in May
   5. Church has been approached to participate in Wide Open Walls and work is underway with an artist to draft a mural for Goethe Hall
3. **Financial Report -Ted Norris**

Income for February was $113,342 and expenses were $140,437. Total cash available at the end of February was $901,129.

1. **Old Business** 
   1. Commissioning Mandates

Will be held for April meeting

1. **New Business** **– Lisa Berg**
2. **Announcements**  **– Lisa Berg**

Mary Robinson’s educational offering was really good.

Adjourned at 9:20pm

Next Meeting April 16 at 7:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Hendricks

Church Council Secretary