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**July 17, 2018**

**Church Council Meeting (pending approval)**

**Council Members Present**: Gwynnae Byrd, Lisa Berg, Ted Norris, Kim Hendricks, Bob Huckfeldt, Charlene Singley, Dean Petersen, Joel Kimmelshue, Linda Baldwin, Lisa Gardiner

**Guests Present:** Lynne Gilbertson, Eric Piotrowski, Jason Lewis, Ingrid Garland, Jacquie Kilbert, Gordon Wolfe, Betty Miller, Katherine LaTurneau, Esperanza Foft, Rebekah Turnbaugh

**Absent**: Pastor Frank Espegren, Pastor Jon Haug, Devin Hill, Karen Ross, Nick Zylstra

**Topics:**

1. **Call to Order @ 7:01pm - Gwynnae Byrd**
2. **Opening Devotions and Introductions - Lynne Gilbertson**
3. **Approval of Minutes - Gwynnae Byrd**

Motion to approve the June 19, 2018 minutes.

M/Bob Huckfeldt S/Dean Petersen Motion Passed 100% Approval

1. **Introduction of Staff Members -Linda Baldwin**

Bookkeeper Kat LaTurneau, Assistan Director of Communications Esperanza Foft, and Property Manager Jason Lewis

**5. Visiting Committee -Hospitality**

Betty Miller, chair of the Hospitality Committee, told the Council about the duties of the committee including greeters for services, welcoming first time visitors by email, brunches, cookies, decorating for events, and senior luncheon. The committee is in need of improved communication between the church staff and the committee and more advance notice as they one meet monthly.

**6. Financial Report & Budget -Ted Norris**

June offers were 90% of budget and year to date is 48% of our projected annual amount. In light of Advent and Thanksgiving offerings being robust, the offerings appear to be on target for reaching the projected income goal. Total income and expenses for June are $106,381 and $139,945 respectively and total cash is $540,575.

1. **Pastors Reports - Pastor Frank, Pastor Jon**

* **Pastor Frank Espegren (absent, summary of submitted report)**
* Letters are going out to members with a midyear statements to encourage giving at pledge amounts
* Kudos for Linda’s work on the ongoing construction projects underway and upcoming
* Endowment committee is conducting research and pondering structural possibilities
* **Pastor Jon Haug (absent, summary of submitted report)**
* Stephen Ministry Sunday was a success in communication and promotion of the ministry
* Youth Gathering was a great experience with 16 youth and 4 adults going to Houston (Rebekah also offered a report on Youth Gathering for Council)
* Work continues on discerning the right path for small group ministry

1. **Acting Director of Administration Report - Linda Baldwin**

* With the new Property Manager, we are staffed with full time positions. Two nursery positions remain open
* Working with City to amend the permit for the next phase of the parking lot and we are going out for bid on the roof next week
* New sprinklers have been installed in Goethe and the next step is dedicated electrical wiring for the alarm bell
* Continue work on numbers for 2019 budget and preparing for pledge drive

1. **Old Business** 
   1. Strategic Planning Session

Visioning for the future of St John’s and thinking about dreams for our church

* 1. Parking Lot and Rook Project

Covered in Linda Baldwin's report

* 1. Endowment/Special funds subcommittee

Dean Petersen reported that the committee is talking to a local foundation that manages endowments as well as Mission Investment Fund about setting up an endowment. The committee will be meeting with both organizations.

* 1. Call Committee

The committee is concluding interviews and updating the ministry profile which will then be sent to the Synod.

* 1. Bylaws Revision Committee

Bob Huckfeldt reported that they are working on updates to the bylaws. The proposed amended constitution went to the Synod this week and will hopefully pair with the vote on the financing for the roof replacement.

1. **New Business** **– Gwynnae Byrd**
2. **Announcements**  **– Gwynnae Byrd**

Strategic planning session will be August 18 from 9am to 3pm.

August 5 is a Congregational Matters session which will be led by Lisa Berg and will focus mostly on Pastor Jon’s work

Adjourned at 8:33pm

Next Meeting September 18 at 7:00pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Hendricks

Church Council Secretary