

Peace Lutheran Church Council Meeting - August 14, 2017 - unapproved

Meeting called to order by Nancy Whaley at 6:30 pm. Attending: Nancy Whaley, Laura Beckwith, Jessica Fiedorowicz, Candy Gryga, Jan Jessup, Randy Barteis, Beth Kuhn, Mark Wallace, Karen Willming, Pastor Wilson and Pastor Rod Hill. Absent was Jeannie Gerling.

Opening devotions by Pastor Wilson.

Motion to approve July 17, 2017 meeting minutes as written by Jessica Fiedorowicz and seconded by Candy Gryga. Motion carried.

Motion to approve August meeting agenda with changes by Nancy Whaley and seconded by Laura Beckwith. Motion carried.

Motion to approve reports as presented by Mark Wallace and seconded by Jan Jessup. Motion carried.

Discussion on the reports. The kitchen committee has met and a September 9 deep cleaning of the kitchen is planned. A new 5-year lease has been signed on the copy machine, with no changes to the costs.

Old Business.

Mortgage/Finance. Karen Willming and Mark Wallace presented reports on giving, spending, receipts and expenses. This is something the council will monitor as we are using some money from the reserves to make the monthly mortgage payment. Also noted that July giving towards the mortgage allowed almost the entire payment to be made from giving. Thanks to all.

Outreach Committee updates. September 16 - Celebration Saturday. An evening potluck planned to include recognition for new staff, new members and thanks to leaders who have contributed. Church will provide meat and drinks, asking members to bring a dish to pass and invite a friend.

September 17 - Fill the Seats Sunday. Kick off for Sunday school and Peace Cafe. Advertising for both events approved for the Reminder and the South Haven Tribune.

Marketing Company. Proposal presented to Pastor. No action to occur at this time due to costs. A motion to table conversation for a future meeting presented by Mark Wallace and seconded by Candy.

September Congregation Meeting Agenda Draft. Saturday September 30 meeting planned from 9-11 am. Focus on asking members: Who are we? Where would we like to go? How do we get there? What do we have the energy to do? Mortgage/Staffing Hopes and North Property comments.

Nominating committee. One new council member position will need to be filled for the next election. Nancy will inform the nominating committee.

Constitution Review. Jessica, Mark and Karen have a meeting scheduled for August 28 at 5:30.

New Business

Lay Minister Position Review. Pastor states this position has been beneficial for him and he would like it continued. This is a non-paid position currently held by Deb Berkey.

Rummage Sale. The decision has been made to hold one sale per year in late summer/early fall.

November Annual Meeting. Currently the meeting is held between the two services, however it does cut in to the 11:00 service. Should the time be changed, or one service that day or shorten both services that day?

Christian Education Meeting Update. Planning for Thanksgiving and Christmas schedules. The decision to have a Wednesday, Thanksgiving Eve, service and plans for the service project "Operation Turkey Sandwich" on Thanksgiving morning. Christmas Eve service to be held at 5 pm and 11 pm and potentially one Sunday morning service on that day.

Next meeting to be held September 10 at 6:30 pm

Meeting adjourned by the chair at 8:45 with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted

Beth Kuhn