

ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH

December 13, 2018 Council Meeting

Minutes

Present: Pastor Tim Ness, President Justin Bainum, Vice President Edie Beaupre, Treasurer Marjorie Miller, Joanne Margetich, Tiffani Champion, Greg Whitton, Michele Giangiulio, Sandy Gilchrist, John Gediek

6:08p Prayer over the food, Council potluck dinner begins

7:06p Justin Bainum, Council President calls to order the meeting; meeting begins with a prayer from Pastor Tim

COMMITTEE / MINISTRY REPORTS

PROEPRTY: The area in the kitchen that had been mucked up due to the heavy rains has been cleaned. Fran has caulked around this area to help prevent any further seepage into the space. Nothing else outstanding to report.

KIDS CLOSET: Joann to report numbers to the council.

YOUTH: No December events. Pastor Tim and Stephanie are planning a group activity for late January. The activity that they are looking into is Snow Tubing possibly up at Blue Mountain.

STEWARDSHIP: Luncheon on November 18th was successful. Temple talks, 1 per week for 3 weeks which were given by our members are now complete. Letter was sent home regarding the deficit. As of November we had a deficit of \$22,000. Discussed ways of making the congregation aware of the deficit for 2019. One idea is posting a thermostat billboard in the narthex of what our financial goals are for 2019. As we chip away each month, the barometer will rise. This coming year, instead of looking backward at the deficit and trying to catch up we will look forward instead.

WORSHIP & MUSIC: There was a larger than usual turn out to decorate the tree. Maybe going forward talking to the little kids about decorating the tree, this will draw their parents in to help as well. The tree will stay up through January 6th for both services and then will be taken down. There will be one service – December 16th, 23rd, 30th at 10:00a. Two services will resume on January 6th.

SUNDAY SCHOOL – the pageant has been finalized. Greg will be bringing towels over for the shepherds. Michele will be bringing rope over for the shepherds. Justin will be bringing baby Jesus and the blow up nativity scene. Pastor Tim will be bringing the burlap. Children will hang a few ornaments on the tree. Someone will take a few down so that they can hang them. Justin will be looking into bells for the pageant from Amazon and Michaels.

A motion was made by Edie Beaupre to accept the committee / ministry reports as presented. This was seconded by Greg Whitton.

TREASURER'S REPORT: see copy attached. The 2019 budget will be presented at the January council meeting. Questions arose regarding if it would make sense to consolidate the mortgages. Marjorie was asked to check on the interest rate on both mortgages.

A motion was made by Joann Margetich to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. This was seconded by John Gediek.

PASTOR'S REPORT: a copy of Pastor's Report is attached. One addition is that the caroling format will be changed this year. Carolers will be going out in the neighborhood to friendly houses of members in the Westbrook Park area and then coming back to the church for pizza.

A motion was made by Edie Beaupre to accept the Pastor's Report as presented. This was seconded by John Gediek.

OLD BUSINESS

Sandy Gilchrist and Joann Margetich have each served two terms on council and will be going off of council in January. Cheryl Baylor's first term is up and will be able to serve for one more term if she chooses. Some members' names that were mentioned as possible new members to council are – Fran Constantino, Steve Talley, Diana Strofolino, Bramblee Bird, Stu Heistand, Steve Dumott, Paul Conroy, John Kampmeyer, Jr.

Reminder that the Annual Congregational Meeting will be January 27th.

AED Machine still needs to be installed. Fran's son is certified to teach the class.

Adult Dinners – discussed ways to get more adults / seniors to come to the dinner. Change the billboard outside to show when the next dinner will be. Maybe will help with additional foot traffic.

Youth Group Fundraiser Possibility – pancake breakfast / brunch to be served in between services. Date sometime in January or February once the business of the Christmas season is over.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business to discuss.

The next council meeting will take place on January 17th.

A motion was made to by Greg Whitton to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Joann Margetich.

