

**ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH
DECEMBER 14, 2017 COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Pastor Tim Ness, President Steve Talley, Vice-President Fran Cosentino, Treasurer Marjorie Miller, Council members, Joanne Margetich, Sandy Gilchrist, Cheryl Baylor, Greg Whitton, Michelle Giangulio, Carol Cesari, Justin Bainum, Edie Beaupre and Bonnie Tillman

Pastor Tim opened the meeting with prayer at 7:05 p.m.

COMMITTEE / MINISTRY REPORTS:

PROPERTY: The house needs to have the laundry tub replaced and the downstairs toilet rebuilt – the cost for this is anticipated to run \$285.00. Outside steps to Pastors office, there is water damage behind the gutter as the gutter has pulled away. This will need to be fixed when the weather is warmer as sections of the roof also need repair – it's a hot roof and not shingled.

KIDS CLOSET: Joanne Margetich indicated donations are good for the moment and the income for October was \$603.00 and November was \$381.00.

YOUTH: There was a good turnout for caroling. After the New Year, a meeting will be set to detail and organize the Houston trip. All deposits have been received. There was a complaint that the cookbook table was not manned for one of the services. Will start to research air fare

STEWARDSHIP: Nothing much to report. 21 commitment cards received (this figure provided by the treasurer) and thank you cards have been mailed to those respondents.

WORSHIP / MUSIC: Christmas Eve service has been planned, Lessons and Carols on 12/31 and Epiphany on 1/7 – only one morning service for the next 3 Sundays at 10:00. Tree has been delivered and will stay up until after Epiphany.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Everything set for the service on 12/17 which will be presented by the Sunday School – B is for Bethlehem.

Justin Bainum made a motion to accept the committee / ministry reports as presented. This was seconded by Joanne Margetich

TREASURERS REPORT: A copy of the treasurers' report is attached. Greg Whitton motioned to accept the report as presented and this was seconded by Sandy Gilchrist

PASTOR'S REPORT: A copy of Pastor's report is attached. Bonnie Tillman motioned to accept the report as presented and this was seconded by Cheryl Baylor.

OLD BUSINESS:

Nothing new to discuss in old business

Bingo –The next Bingo is anticipated to be held on 4/21/18.

NEW BUSINESS:

Diakonia Program – this is a National ongoing program – more in depth classes – 6 week course meeting once a week on Tuesday for about an hour and a half – cost is \$60.00 per class. First class is scheduled to be held at Trinity Lutheran in Havertown beginning in January and will address the Old Testament.

Thrivent Fund – As of 9/30/17, the funds have grown to \$100,748.17 – the income breakdown is \$50,000 in an income fund, \$20,000 in a Mid-Cap fund, and \$30,000 in an opportunity income – all mutual fund accounts.

Military care packages – it has been determined that the Military gets a lot of “stuff” over the holidays. Carol Cesari will provide a list of items “needed / wanted” by military personnel stationed overseas. Those items would be collected and given to her son to take with him because shipments to troops overseas could take up to a month to arrive where packages shipped with the troop member gets on the same plane and arrives at the same time.

Two services on Christmas Eve – 7:00 and 11:00

The sales rep from Universal Atlantic (the camera and monitoring vendor) met with Kathy Cosentino earlier and now knows exactly what is needed to enhance security of the school. A quote will be provided.

Fran Cosentino indicated there will be an open house beginning at 6:00 (at his place) on Christmas Eve for anybody who wishes to drop by.

Council meeting ended but was “reconvened” after a short break to meet with the Mutual Ministry to discuss / approve Pastors benefits for 2018.

A motion was made to adjourn by Greg Whitton and seconded by Sandy Gilchrist. The meeting ended at 9:30 - thank the Lord. The next council meeting is scheduled for January 11 at 7:00

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Tillman
Council Secretary

Motion to approve with changes made by Greg Whitton and seconded by Cheryl Baylor

Minutes approved with changes to:

Kids Closet – amended to reflect October sales figures and adjusted November sales figures

Military Care Packages – reworded to delete reference made to Valentines cards