

**ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH
JANUARY 17, 2019 COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

PRESENT: Pastor Tim Ness, President Justin Bainum, Vice President Edie Beaupre, Treasurer Marjorie Miller, Joanne Margetich, Tiffani Champion, Cheryl Baylor, Michelle Giangiulio, Sandy Gilchrist, John Gediek, Carol Cesari, and Bonnie Tillman

Justin Bainum, Council President, began the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with a prayer by Pastor Tim.

COMMITTEE / MINISTRY REPORTS:

PROPERTY: There is a new person doing the inspections on rental properties and the fee for the inspection has been increased to \$100.00

KIDS CLOSET: The Kids Closet made a profit of \$550.00 in December. The volunteers in the Thrift Shop noticed how much better the area looks after the cleaners addressed the issues presented to them after the last council meeting

YOUTH: A snow tubing event is in the works for Bear Creek – need to nail down the date. It will be either the 2nd of February or the 9th and will be open to any member of the congregation that wishes to attend. There is a pancake breakfast scheduled for 3/17

STEWARDSHIP: Not much to report. A letter was mailed out to members and did result in some extra funds

WORSHIP AND MUSIC: The annual meeting will be held on January 27. The committee met last Thursday and has the schedule set thru early June. Renewal of marriage vows scheduled for 2/10. First responder service is set for 3/3. Ash Wednesday is 3/6, Breakfast with the Easter Bunny is scheduled for 4/13 and Easter is on 4/21. Flowers will be available for order from the end of March until mid-April to decorate the altar. There will be cakes to celebrate both Mothers' Day & Fathers' Day. The outside service is scheduled for 6/2. Confirmation is scheduled for 6/9. We will have one service at 10:00 from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Faith has been our music director since 2005. In the beginning she had requested to have one Sunday off every month. That has not been happening so it was decided to give her 3 days paid vacation for those days she needs off

SUNDAY SCHOOL: The Christmas Pageant was wonderful – everything worked. Pastor is still going to teach the first Sunday of each month. The last day for Sunday School will be 5/5. The school would like to collect money to buy animals for third world countries.

Sandy Gilchrist motioned to accept the committee reports as presented. This was seconded by John Gediek. Motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT: see copy attached. A motion was made by John Gediek to accept the report as presented. This was seconded by Michele Giangiulio and the motion carried. A proposed budget to be presented to the congregation for their approval during the annual meeting was reviewed and discussed. Tiffani Champion motioned to accept the budget as shown. This was seconded by Joanne Margetich. The motion carried.

PASTOR'S REPORT: A copy of Pastor's report is attached. Joanne Margetich motioned to accept the report as presented. This was seconded by John Gediek and the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bingo – The next bingo night is scheduled for 4/6. Mary Menear may not be able to handle it due to health issues.

AED – Automated External Defibrillators – one has been installed – one is still sitting under the table and needs to be installed downstairs. Fran's son is authorized to instruct in the use of the AED.

Council Members: Mary Menear, Joanne Margetich and Sandy Gilchrist have all completed their terms of office and need to come off council. Fran has indicated he would be willing to come back and Paul Conroy has expressed interest in becoming a member of council.

NEW BUSINESS:

Scatter Garden – What do “we” really want for the area? What are our options? A sub-committee will be formed to obtain options and pricing so that we can figure out what is needed, how much it will cost and how we plan to fund the renovations.

Adult Dinners – a message “advertising” the adult only dinners and the cost will be placed on the sign outside with a message to call to confirm reservations so enough food will be prepared.

We hope this will bring more people into attending service.

Cleaning Crew – the current cleaning service is not working out. A meeting was held with them explaining everything that needed to be done and it's not being done to our expectations. New bids for services will be accepted after Kathy Cosentino walks them thru the school explaining what needs to be done in detail. Fran will walk them thru the church. This will prevent any miscommunication as to what the cleaners are expected to do.

Lease Renewal – Leases need to be renewed for both the house and the garage. The garage currently rents for \$260 a month and the house for \$900. It was decided that rent for each property would not be increased.

Smoking Policy – There is a non-smoking policy for the church. The only area smoking is allowed is the paved area in the middle of the field. Anyone smoking in the driveway, on the sidewalks, near the church steps, will be asked to move away from the church. Second hand smoke – even outside – can be detrimental to somebody with breathing / health issues.

A motion to adjourn was made by John Gediek and seconded by Cheryl Baylor. The meeting ended at 8:00 with a recitation of the Lords' Prayer led by Pastor Tim.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Tillman
Council Secretary