

**ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH
NOVEMBER 13, 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 Giangiulio, Carol Cesari and Bonnie Tillman

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

COMMITTEE / MINISTRY REPORTS:

PROPERTY: The roof has been done. There are no leaks (so far). The chimney liner should be done the week of Thanksgiving. We have an authorized contractor to install the playground equipment. This should be completed shortly.

KIDS CLOSET: Joanne Margetich will advise the total for October and November at the next council meeting.

YOUTH: It was decided to sell the remaining cookbooks for \$5.00 each with the money going towards the Houston trip. Individuals from the youth group will be responsible for this. As of now, there are 6 youth and 2 chaperones scheduled to participate. Registration in the amount of \$150.00 for each youth is due Tuesday 11/14. We discussed several possible fund raisers such as a car wash in the spring, breakfast hosted by the youth group, Freddie's, etc.

STEWARDSHIP: The luncheon for the congregation, to be served after one service at 10:00, on 11/19 is anticipated to be well attended. Commitment cards have been mailed.

WORSHIP / MUSIC: the piano is scheduled to be tuned on 11/15. There will be NO Thanksgiving Eve service this year.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Everything is going well. The kids seem to be enjoying themselves. Looking ahead there is the possibility of cards for the military, care packages, valentines. They may bake cookies and go caroling with the "older" members of the congregation. Anticipating a possible trip to the fire station this year as the police station was visited last year.

Greg Whitton made a motion to accept the committee / ministry reports as presented. This was seconded by Cheryl Baylor.

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

PASTOR'S REPORT: A copy of Pastor's report is attached. Michelle Giangiulio motioned to accept the report as presented and this was seconded by Fran Cosentino

OLD BUSINESS:

Bingo – Went well, had some food left over. For more detailed information, please see the treasurers' report. The next Bingo is anticipated to be held on 4/21/18.

Scatter Garden – will address in the spring.

NEW BUSINESS:

Parish Administrator: Cheryl Ferry has / will be resigning her position. Her last day will be Tuesday 11/21. She will be missed. A letter will go out to our sister churches looking for possible candidates willing and able to fill the position. Steve Talley knows of a woman, Liz Havens, who may be willing to fill in temporarily. Pastor will reach out to her to meet and discuss. Looking to hire somebody for Monday to Friday, 5 hours a day, 25 hours per week.

Social Hall: Would like to earmark \$500 from the Bingo proceeds to paint the hall. We can get 65% off paint from Sherwin Williams. Would like to replace the light bulbs with LED lights. Preparing the walls for paint would be an issue but if we can do it in house - it would save us a lot of money! Would like to go lighter than darker in color. The hall rental agreement has also been rewritten to include 150 person max occupancy and trash must be bagged and removed and placed in the dumpster. Security deposits made more than 2 weeks in advance will be deposited into the bank instead of being held.

Christmas Pageant – scheduled for 12/17

Next Council Meeting will be held on 12/14 beginning at 6:00 with a gathering for "dinner".

A motion was made to adjourn by Greg Whitton and seconded by Sandy Gilchrist. The meeting ended at 8:05 with the Lords' Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Tillman
Council Secretary

Minutes sent to all council members – Sandy Gilchrist motioned to accept as shown. This was seconded by Joanne Margetich – minutes approved as shown

