

Church Council Minutes

9/19/2017 5:30 PM

Present : Carol Mack, Mark Braaten, Chris Erickson, Sherry Schuler, Michael Sadowski, Dale Adrion, Jack O'Neil, Pastor Erik Goehner, Pastor Elizabeth Nees, Espen Slattum, Brian Carr, Grace Brunsell

- Discussion of new Covenant of Leadership with regard to why it is needed and its purpose.
- Dale made a motion to adopt the Covenant as presented with the exception that we strike the sentence "The council member's role is NOT to speak on behalf of individuals but rather direct them to the appropriate parties." Seconded by Grace. Approved.
- Dale made a motion to reopen discussion on Covenant, seconded by Jack. Approved
- A motion was made to strike the 3rd bullet point "Speak only for oneself and not on behalf of others" by Jack. Seconded by Mike. Approved.
- Motion to accept revised mission statement was made by Mike. Seconded by Dale. "To nurture Christ-centered lives that reflect God's love and grace in our local and global communities."
Passed
- Motion to approve minutes of previous council meeting was made by Jack. Seconded by Mike. Approved.
- Dale provided a treasurer's report. He explained he was just getting up to speed and would provide more detail next time. He did note that Income was down approximately \$52,000 but expenses were also down \$59,000.
- Pastor Erik's report was given. He requested that council members make calls to inactive members and provided some helpful guidelines for the calls.
- Pastor Elizabeth spoke about the need for an Assistant Coordinator to assist with Family and Youth programs approximately 15 hours or so per week to be paid from budget lines 3005 and 3025. Motion was made by Dale to approve position. Seconded by Jack. Approved.
- Shawn Howie made a presentation about the organization, purpose and benefits of small groups and emphasized the need for the church to be fully committed should the church wish to implement. It was decided revisit small groups at a future meeting.
- Pastor Erik discussed the new church website and the offer for someone to provide edit the site and provide additional content. The editor is Lutheran has had experience with church website content. A motion was made to hire the editor for \$1000 and to use funds from budget line 3704 (technology upgrades) by Mike. Seconded by Brian. Approved.
- Elizabeth explained about a student film maker who had requested to use the sanctuary for a movie shoot. A motion was made by Pastor Elizabeth to move forward with the movie shoot appropriate stipulations with Dale as point person Seconded by Chris. After much discussion, the motion did not pass. It was further decided that Dale would contact film maker and obtain further information regarding possible payment amount and shooting schedule. A new motion/vote could be taken by email if needed prior to next council meeting.
- Mike brought up the contract for the new building's provision that the church is required to provide insurance and the wondered if this was standard, and, if so, the need to investigate the cost of such insurance with our insurance which was brought to his attention by Joan Eggert who was requested to review the contract.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mike Sadowski