

Tree of Life Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
October 12, 2016

The monthly meeting of the Congregational Council was called to order at 7:30pm by President Dennis McConnell. Council members present were: Dennis McConnell, President; Susan Blough, Secretary; Ted Dinklage, Interim Treasurer; Heidi Beckham; Linda Baumgartner; Jim Voelz; Chuck Will; Pastor Chris Lake; Julie Weeks; George Timmins; Bunny Stoutes and Lawrence Zuehlke. Absent was Ryan Dockery.

- A. The Meeting began with an opening prayer by Pastor Chris.
- B. Consent Agenda – motion to approve all by Chuck Will and seconded by Pastor Chris. Motion carried.
 - 1. Adopt tonight's agenda
 - 2. Approve September 14, 2016 minutes
 - 3. Approve Bob Peterson's donation of painting interior of portion of the Education (old) building including the kitchen, hallway, classrooms and sun room, similar to how the new building is painted. Value estimated at \$6,000.
 - 4. Approve delay new carpet installation until painting completed.
 - 5. Ratify new members: Jon & Shannon Groff, Peggy Cheney, Sharon Cheney.
 - 6. Review 2016 audit team
 - 7. Review slides for Congregational meeting that were shared with council members
 - 8. 2017 council elections: George Timmins has agreed to serve on council.
- C. Discussion Agenda
 - 1. Old business
 - a. Chuck and Lawrence have enclosed the fellowship hall A/C units with walls and doors up to the finishing plaster and primer. Still needed are finishing plaster and primer. George Timmins will finish the plaster/mud and Butch Nye will do the trim work. Doors will be locked with electronic combination locks.
 - 2. New business
 - a. It was suggested to have the congregation vote on the suspension of the two-year limit on the Council President position for 2017 so the current president could serve one more consecutive term in order to maintain some church operational continuity during Pastor Chris' sabbatical, Ryan leaving for his next assignment, and the inclusion on Council of many new members. It was suggested that the transition to new leadership would be smoother if the Council president wasn't also changed during this time of transition. Bylaw 2.08 states: No officer shall hold more than one office at a time. No elected officer shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms in the same

office. The motion was made by Jim Voelz and seconded by Susan Blough. Motion carried.

D. Financial reports

- 1. Motion to accept financial reports through September 30, 2016 made by Susan Blough and seconded by Lawrence Zuehlke. Motion carried.

E. Pastoral report

- 1. Staff reviews were completed by Pastor Chris and Dennis McConnell. Bunny is the Office Manager to whom Ryan, Ida and John report. Job descriptions are being updated.

F. With no further business, a motion was made to adjourn at 9:00pm by Pastor Chris and was seconded by Heidi Beckham. Motion carried. The Lord’s Prayer was said by all.

Dennis McConnell, President

Susan Blough, Secretary

Date

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Not Yet Approved