

Tree of Life Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
January 11, 2017

The monthly meeting of the Congregational Council was called to order at 7:36pm by President Dennis McConnell. Council members present were: Dennis McConnell, President; Susan Blough, Secretary; Heidi Beckham; Linda Baumgartner; Jim Voelz; Chuck Will; George Timmins; Lawrence Zuehlke; Bunny Stoutes; Julie Weeks; and Jack Zimmer. Absent was Ted Dinklage, Interim Treasurer; and Kirk Helberg. Present via Skype was Pastor Chris Lake; Ryan Dockery.

- A. The Meeting began with an opening prayer by Pastor Chris.
- B. Consent Agenda – motion to approve all by George Timmins and seconded by Jim Voelz.
 - 1. Adopt tonight's agenda
 - 2. Approve December 14, 2016 minutes
 - 3. There were no new members to ratify.
 - 4. 2017 council elections: George Timmins, Kirk Helberg, Jack Zimmer, Linda Baumgartner (second term), and Jim Voelz (treasurer).
- C. Discussion Agenda
 - 1. Old business
 - a. None.
 - 2. New business
 - a. Ida Craig has resigned effective Sunday, January 15, 2017. Tree of Life will pay her 10 weeks of severance pay for her five years of service, to be paid on the first and 15th of the month until all paid. She has agreed to open the church building of Sundays and run audio visual from setup through the early service for \$50 per Sunday. The motion to approve these was made by Julie Weeks and seconded by Heidi Beckham.
 - b. Review 2017 budget: discussions and explanations. Review 2017 church stewardship budgeting for expenses and expected offerings and income. The approved budget worksheet is attached. Motion to accept Pastor Chris' recommendations was made by Jim Voelz and seconded by Chuck Will.
- D. Financial reports
 - 1. No discussion. Reports through December 2016 attached.
- E. Pastoral report
 - 1. Pastor Chris Lake and Ryan Dockery were in Minnesota.
- F. With no further business, a motion was made to adjourn at 8:55pm by Heidi Beckham and was seconded by Julie Weeks. The Lord's Prayer was said by all.

Dennis McConnell, President

Susan Blough, Secretary

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