

## Tree of Life Lutheran Church

### Council Minutes

April 11, 2018

Members present – President – Jack Zimmer, Larry Klotz – Vice President, Secretary – Linda Baumgartner, Treasurer – Jim Voelz, Financial Secretary – Heidi Beckham, Pastor Chris Lake, Susie Rust, Richard Schaper, Annie Lindeman, Kevin Solberg and George Timmins

Members not present – Kirk Helberg

Guests – Chuck Will, John Baumgartner – Building Team leaders

Meeting was called to order by President Jack Zimmer at 6:30

#### **A. Consent Agenda**

1. Motion - Adopt tonight's agenda
2. Minutes - Approval of March council minutes
3. Acceptance of new members – Bob Dinklage, Chuck and Pat Rowe and family, David and Jody Wright and family, Jordan and Ashley Soose and family
4. Heidi Beckham moved that the Consent Agenda be approved. George Timmons seconded. All in favor. The motion passed.

#### **B Discussion agenda**

Chuck Will and John Baumgartner presented a building maintenance active work list. They asked for approval for item 3 – replace cracked tiles in Fellowship Building entry. Subcontract labor will be by Perkins Carpet. Cost is \$500.00 which is a firm bid. The same existing carpet squares will be used. Floating material will be approximately \$100.

They are also asking to repair the cracked concrete in the Fellowship Building parking lot. The area is 6 ft. X 26 ft. area located near the dumpster. The project will be subcontracted to Ascrete, the same company that did the striping in the parking lots. The cost is \$1,560 which is a firm quote.

John Baumgartner moved that both the tile and the parking lot be repaired. George Timmins seconded. Discussion continued. John Baumgartner amended his motion to include taking the funds from the Seeds account. Jim Voelz seconded. All were in favor. The motion passed.

Discussion was held concerning faulty wiring in the Fellowship Building. There will be a volunteer work crew to dig a trench on Saturday, April 14. Amount budgeted is \$2,250 for the electrical work.

The 2018 building maintenance budget is \$9,000. Spent to date (3/31/18) is - 700. Committed (parking lot striping) – \$1,225. Estimated cost for all items on list is \$6,024.

Larry Klotz moved that we repair the faulty wiring in the Fellowship Building from the Seeds fund for approximately \$2,250. Kevin Solberg seconded. All in favor. The motion passed.

A note will be put in the bulletin to ask for members to volunteer to pay for the small items that need to be completed.

### **New Business**

Financial Report – Pledged offerings are running as budgeted. Non-pledged is running \$7,000 below expectations for the year. George Timmins moved to accept the financial report as presented. Annie Lindeman seconded. All in favor. The motion passed.

**Action item report** – Jim Voelz reported that the check to pay down the mortgage was sent in March in the amount of \$10,420.

**Action item report** – Jim Voelz reported that the heading format from Excel was added to the spreadsheets.

**Action item report** - Kevin Solberg and Larry Klotz reported on the paver stones for the Prayer Path. Kevin talked to Stone Creations of Texas in Tomball regarding the cost of the stones. 8 X 8 inches are \$45.00 with three lines etched on the stones. Larry reported that we are looking at approximately 800 square feet at \$13.00 - \$16.00 a square foot. Dr. Jorgenson is ready to pay for the cost - \$10,800. This will include digging out the pathway, insert pavers and pour a concrete curve. Kevin and Larry will continue to work on the project.

Pastor Chris Lake moved that we go forward with the payer path on behalf of Dr. Jorgenson's parents by Dr. Jorgenson. George Timmins seconded. All were in favor. The motion passed.

**Action Item** – Kevin Solberg will inquire of Stone Creations of Texas if they will come out and etch in the stones of the contractor selected by Dr. Jorgenson.

Discussion was held regarding married couples counting the Sunday offering by themselves. Council is aware of the problem. Heidi Beckham volunteered to stay with the counters when a couple is counting.

Pastoral Report - Approximately 400 people were at Easter worship. Worship committee is checking into the idea of an Easter Vigil service on the Saturday

before Easter from 9-12 in the evening in place of the 6 am service. Pastor continues to make pastoral calls.

Review of council retreat notes – Council members signed up to be liaisons from council to the teams:

Building – Larry Klotz - Team Leaders – Chuck Will and John Baumgartner  
Care – Pastor Chris – Team Leader – Stacy Kovar  
Worship (Music) – Heidi Beckham – Team Leaders – John Burkwall and Jeremie Brown  
Fellowship – Annie Lindeman – Team Leader – Mary Ellen Moran  
Office – Jim Voelz – Team leader – Bunny Stoutes  
Social Ministry/Outreach – Linda Baumgartner – Team Leaders – Shirley Finke and Linda Baumgartner  
Spiritual Growth (Adult and Youth) – Kevin Solberg – Team Leader – Emily Work  
Stephen Ministry – Pastor Chris – Team Leader – Mary Dinkledge  
Welcome Team – George Timmins – Team Leaders – Deb Zimmer and Judy Haight  
Worship (Music) – Heidi Beckham – Team Leaders – John Burkwall and Jeremie Brown  
Worship Team (Planning) – Susie Rust and Jim Voelz – Team Leaders – Susie Rust and Mary Nye  
Financial Committee – Richard Schaper

Richard Schaper suggested that we find another pastor to assist with responsibilities. Discussion was held. Pastor indicated that we are ok at the present time. Carrie Peterson will be an intern in one year. At that time Carrie will be able to officiate at communion which will help considerably.

Pastor and Carrie will do a sermon series of “Why we do what we do” – our practices of worship.

Congregational meeting will be May 6. Advance notice will be given to the congregation.

Annual financial audit will be held. Richard Schaper will be the liaison for the audit.

Next meeting is May 9 at 6:30.

**Old Business** – no old business

The meeting was declared to be over at 8:42.

Pastor Chris lead council in laying on of the hands on George Timmins who is beginning radiation therapy and the saying the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Baumgartner, Secretary