

Tree of Life Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
September 14, 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; Jim Voelz; Chuck Will; Pastor Chris Lake; Ryan Dockery; Julie Weeks; guest Larry Finke, John Burkwall, Bunny Stoutes. Absent were Linda Baumgartner; Heidi Beckham; Lawrence Zuehlke

1. The Meeting began with an opening prayer by Pastor Chris.
2. A motion was made by Jim Voelz to adopt today's agenda, approve the minutes for August 10 and August 17, approve the second donation of \$5000 to Lutherhill from Seeds money, and approve the use of "designated funds" using the Seeds checking account for Pastor Chris's sabbatical grant. The motion was seconded by Julie Weeks
3. There were no new members for approval.
4. Old Business
 - a. Motions: none.
 - b. Review: Slides for the Congregational Meeting on Sunday, September 25 were reviewed and Budget workshop will be rescheduled until after the 2017 pledges are evaluated. Motion was made by Pastor Chris and seconded by Jim Voelz.
5. New Business
 - c. It was decided to use Jim Voelz's 10-ft. artificial Christmas tree for the narthex this year instead of spending about \$700 to purchase a new one. Motion was tabled.
 - d. Motion: Purchase and install new carpeting or carpet tiles in the fellowship hall and the nursery. An estimate will be gotten to include all classrooms and hallways. The pros and cons of carpeting vs. carpet tiles is attached to these minutes. The project will be presented at the September 25 Congregational meeting to be voted on by the congregation.
 - e. Motion: The leadership of the A/C buildout completion in the Fellowship Hall will be assumed by Laurence Zuehlke. The light switches behind the units will be moved to be accessible after the buildout.
6. Financial discussion: none.
7. Pastoral Report: none.

8. With no further business, a motion was made to adjourn at 9:20pm by Pastor Chris and seconded by Jim Voelz with the Lord's Prayer in closing.

Dennis McConnell, President

Susan Blough, Secretary

Not Yet Approved