

Tree of Life Lutheran Church

Council Minutes

November 8, 2017

Members present – President - Dennis McConnell, Treasurer – Jim Voelz, Secretary – Linda Baumgartner, Pastor Chris Lake and council members at large -George Timmons and Chuck Will

Members absent – Jack Zimmer, Heidi Becham, Lawrence Zuehlke and Kirk Helberg

Guests – Guests were not present

Meeting was called to order by President Dennis McConnell at 8:04

A. The meeting began with an opening prayer by Pastor Chris Lake

B Consent Agenda

1. Motion - Adopt tonight's agenda
2. Motion – Approve minutes from October 11, 2017 council meeting.
3. Acceptance of new members – No new members for November
4. Jim Voelz motioned that the Consent Agenda be approved. George Timmins seconded. All in favor. The motion passed.

C. Discussion agenda

1. No Old Business

2. New Business

- i. A discussion was held regarding purchasing our coffee from Lutheran World Relief. The cost would be double the cost that we are now paying. Council determined that we are not in a financial position to support the effort.
- ii. Financial report – Jim Voelz presented the financial report. George Timmons moved that the report be accepted. Linda Baumgartner seconded. All were in favor. The motion passed.
- iii. Jim Voelz presented the budget for 2018. He put together three possible budgets. One is a proposal that includes a “dream budget” giving teams and staff what they would like to have included for a 2018 budget. The second is a budget that would give us \$20,000 faith budget. This budget is less than budget 1. The third, is an austere budget with cuts for all segments of the

budget. The council has been asked to look over the budgets and return in December prepared to discuss.

Pastor's Report – Pastor has been slowly returning to a routine week at the office and visiting members since the hurricane.

Having completed all the business. The meeting was declared to be over at 9:21.

Pastor Chris lead council in the saying the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Baumgartner, Secretary