

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH

Congregational Council Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2017

Attendance: Gary Brinker, Phil Feibish, Keith Barton, Beth Melendez, Adam Annis Brown, Tegan Brown, Tommy Lane, Tim Tallent, Vicar Tina Culpepper, Pastor Nathan Hilkert and Karen McIntyre present. Tommy Lane and Tim Tallent are council nominees.

8:40am OPENING

Order of Prayer for opening meeting and Gospel reading with lengthy discussion.

Beth Melendez questioned whether or not our inclusiveness message is known throughout the community. Ideas voiced will be discussed again at the upcoming council retreat.

9:20am REPORTS

TREASURER: Keith Barton

Keith questioned low amount in bank account. Questions remain on Quickbooks versions. Keith, Gary and Beth to work on problem solving.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: Beth Melendez

2017 preliminary budget presented, reviewed and discussed.

It will be presented at the Annual Congregational Meeting Part I on Jan. 15th.

Adam made the motion to accept the preliminary budget and it's presentation and Tegan seconded, all in favor, motion passed.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Pastor Nathan Hilkert

Wayne Fell a Synod evaluator is available to visit Messiah. Will discuss more at the upcoming retreat.

Pastor and Adam to meet with Jamie about Messiah's marketing strategy.

Council retreat is scheduled for Saturday Feb. 25th at Messiah. The preceding Friday night dinner details to be finalized soon.

OFFICE SECRETARY see report

Phil Feibish states we need to pick a stopping point or a conversion date to change out Realm. Will discuss further through email with office.

GUATEMALA: Adam Annis-Brown

Fund raising efforts forth coming with Tamales to Go sales. This idea was a big hit last year. Also, we will have a Spanish Service scheduled on Feb. 19th to honor and accentuate our relationship with our sister synod and Church in El Tuerto.

NEW BUSINESS - Gary Brinker

Several payroll companies reviewed and ADP has been chosen. All in favor.

10:45 Meeting completed with the Lord's Prayer.