

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH
Congregational Council Meeting Minutes
Date: July 16, 2016

Attendance: Pastor Nathan Hilkert, Adam Annis-Brown, Tegan Brown, Beth Melendez, Tim Tallent, Tommy Lane and Karen McIntyre.

I. CALL TO ORDER: 8:37am. Adam Annis-Brown

II. OPENING PRAYER: Pastor leads the Order of Prayer for opening meeting and Gospel reading/discussion.

Romans 8 verses 1-11 read and discussed.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FORM LAST MEETING

The minutes from June 18, 2017 were tentatively approved via email.

Presently today, the minutes are approved after two corrections were done and noted. (I can put who motioned and seconded here if you remind me who...

IV. REPORTS

A.) Finances:

1.) Financial Secretary: Beth Melendez

Need online checking and access for Gary.

Giving graph continues to show anything but a consistent flow. We have highs and lows that need to be coordinated with outflow. Beth to discuss with office.

Online giving would help.

2.) Bookkeeper report: Gil/Esther

No report

3.) Treasurer's Report: Volunteer Gary Brinker

No report.

B.) Pastor's Report: Pastor Nathan

Carole is currently selecting hymns using the online tool Sundays and Seasons. Council discussed. Council members will ask congregation for feedback and/or requests to help guide this process going forward during the interim.

Pastor concerned about The Way and it's future here at Messiah. He plans to ask Gary Brinker to continue his leadership in this important method of welcoming and engaging newcomers in the life of this church community. Council discussed

how many cycles and if having home meetings during and/or after the cycle is feasible. We truly want to foster a climate of expectation of engagement, to newcomers, as well as, all members, in this our church. We are excited that

several new people have expressed their wish to begin with the next cycle.

Pastor reminded us we have Paul Hoffman as a resource, as well as, the FB page. We also discussed it may be important to bring Paul Hoffman's seminar to Messiah again and have a generous offer to do so on the table. Timing a seminar after the arrival of our new Pastor was discussed.

Regardless, council affirmed that Messiah will most definitely continue with our adaptation of the ancient ministry of the Adult Catechumenate. The beauty of Paul Hoffman's teachings is that the method is very

flexible in it's structure and execution as long as the fundamentals are present.

Adam recommends we could meet as a group about the Way and make notes then present at the PAC meeting. Further discussion needed.

Pastor reports that Mary Peters and Tom Kenny will visit our home bound members. Pastor will prepare some basic shareable info on each for our edification and use if needed.

Caleb Group: much discussion about poor service and/or missteps on our end.

We will need to get Online Quickbooks installed as soon as possible.

Beth Melendez to have a three way conference call with the bookkeeping company and our office.

Beth will also set date with Phil Feibish for software installation.

Pastor encourages a Memorial Fund evaluation/consolidation meeting.

Gary Brinker, Sue Manget and Will Schuette have done it in the past.

Main goal is to weed out or transfer accounts that are no longer relevant to its initial creation.

A new Church Policy book has been compiled as an easy reference to all our church business, i.e. weddings, funerals, memorial Garden interment, and space rental etc. the book is located on the shelf behind the office desk.

Weekly checklist discussed to keep office running smoothly.

C.) Office Administrator's Report: Christine Bergman

No report.

D.) Music Ministry Report: Carole Harris

No report.

V.) TRANSITION UPDATE: Adam Annis-Brown

Still awaiting word from Synod on our Interim Pastor assignment.

Our supply Pastors are the following:

7/23 Crispin Ilombe

7/30 TBA

8/6 Daryck Durstan

VI. ICON UPDATE: Beth Melendez/Tegan Brown

New church software ICON has had member information loaded by Beth Melendez and Tegan Brown. During this hefty endeavor, data was corrected and transferred out of the old software. ICON can now be used for membership related work, i.e.

Member directory. The financial capabilities are scheduled to go live August 15th.

Tellers for 8/20 will be expected to use ICON. End payment to Realm 8/29.

VII. CARNIVAL UPDATE: Adam Annis-Brown

August 26, 2017 10-2pm.

15 plus volunteers so far. Need more/ Tim to talk to coordinator Tracy Brown.

Adam approved a \$125.00 check for snow cone machine rental and other items.

VIII. ELECTRONIC GIVING STATION: Adam Annis-Brown

To help members get acquainted with the electronic giving option, council will provide help with sign up instructions via demonstration/one on one directions if needed. Copies of instructions will be provided.

IX. STAFF REVIEWS: Adam Annis-Brown

All staff review paperwork completed. The executive committee met and discussed reviews. Adam is currently in the process of discussing with staff their staff review outcomes.

X. NEW BUSINESS: All

Beth Melendez to do Congregational update on July 23.

Tegan Brown worked with Christine Bergman to get the Server lists on one Excel spreadsheet. All the coordinators were emailed a link to "Sheets" to use as the communication link with the office.

Tegan reports that during the cleanup work day the Fellowship Hall piano cover was misplaced to another room and the tables were absolutely filthy. Adam Annis-Brown to talk to Kris Webb about the piano and tables.

The contract with Science is Fun is up in August. Beth Melendez and Karen McIntyre to meet for a renegotiation session with Kris Webb. Date TBA.

TELLER SCHEDULE DISCUSSED:

August

6 Adam Annis-Brown and Tim Tallent

13 Beth Melendez and Tommy Lane

20 Adam Annis-Brown and Tegan Brown (ICON START-UP)

27 Karen McIntyre and Adam Annis-Brown

September

3 Tim Tallent and Beth Melendez

10 Beth Melendez and Tommy Lane

17 Adam Annis-Brown and Karen McIntyre

24 Adam Annis-Brown and Tim Tallent

October

1 Karen McIntyre and will ask Gary Brinker

8 Beth Melendez and Tommy Lane

15 Adam Annis-Brown and Tegan Brown

22 TBA (need)

29 Adam Annis-Brown and TBA (need)

XI. CLOSING PRAYER:

by Pastor Nathan wishing us well on his last council meeting and day at Messiah.

The Lord's Prayer prayed by all.

XII. ADJOURNMENT:

10:21 am by Adam Annis-Brown