

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE MESSIAH
Congregational Council Meeting Minutes
May 13,2017

I. 8:36am Call to Order Quorum reached.

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

Treasurer volunteer: Gary Brinker

II. Order of Prayer for opening a meeting lead by Pastor Nathan.

Gospel reading with participatory discussion enjoyed by all.

III. 8:50am Special guest: Chris Smith here to talk about a media outreach consultation proposal for Messiah.

He would work with 3-12 people and give 2-4 hours of training.

"Culture of invitation" Generate themes, what does the congregation care enough about to embrace.

Methods of invitations like fundraising training.

\$500.00 would be his fee to work with us in this endeavor.

IV REPORTS

a.) Financial Secretary: Beth Melendez

Giving is down.

Bookkeeping Report: Gil

Account codes for each expenditure on the credit card was not recorded. Therefore, Gil was not able to give us as detailed account of our finances.

Council discussed the need for expense reports from the office and Pastor.

Also, check # 50059 for \$525.00 not on bank statement.... unknown source.

b.) Pastor's Report: Nathan Hilkert

A breakfast mtg. to discuss The Way is set for May 21st. Pastor wants active or seasoned Way folk present to converse with newcomers about the process.

pastor is looking into grants for the possibility of a "Beer and Hymns" or "Pints And Praise" type event in Decatur.

Synod Assembly in Chattanooga 5/26-28 will be attended by Tegan Brown and Diane Ostman.

Pastor has been working on getting the Care Ministry Group re installed. He has

Ellie Feibish, Gail Guzman, Jacy Brown, Sue Manget, and Grace Crary all on board!

c.) Office Administrator report: Chris Bergman

Property issues included:

*The transformer blew on Saturday, but was replaced in fast order by Ga. Power.

No disruption occurred for Sunday worship nor for Smarties on Monday.

*Atlanta Tree Arbors has been scheduled to take out the pine in the parking lot near the street on May 13th.

***tree still standing as of the start of this meeting 5/14/17.

Motion: Tommy Lane motioned to suspend the tree removal in lieu of the cash flow issues. Karen McIntyre with second, all agreed/passed.

*Our usual A/C vendor McBroom Heating and Air repaired the altar are unit.

*Bid from Phil Cool to install a new system (80k BTU gas furnace/3.5 ton cooling for \$5195.00 was obtained.

*Smarties took out a dead oak on their own that was posing a safety issue.

Also:

Carnival prep continues.

It was discovered that the date for church cleaning was in conflict with Smarties, a new date was discussed and agreed upon: July 15th.

d.) Music Ministry Report: Carole Harris

Report thanked all involved in making Easter music memorable.

A dinner invitation to anyone who has participated this year for May 31 after practice.

e.) Treasurer report: Gary Brinker

Payroll money shortage due to the need to pay two months missed insurance premiums for Pastor. A benefactor covered payroll.

Getting money for transfers from BOA reserves to fidelity checking for these occurrences is a problem we will need to remedy.

VI. Fundraising Ideas: Adam lead, all discussed.

Ideas:

Blues guy (retired) offers concerts as a fundraiser. Everyone agreed this would probably be received well by Decaturites.

We charge for Board Game club space (monthly \$750-1000)

Partner with Clairemont Elementary school for their annual Holiday Art Festival.

Silent auction.

VII. Icon Church Software Update

Adam to look into this software.

Vanco works well with Square, automatically goes with Quickbooks.

VIII. PAC Update:

Guatemala update: Adam Annis-Brown/ Tegan Brown

7 people we going. 2 from Messiah and 5 from St. John's in Griffin.

Fundraising continues. \$1224.35 thus far this calendar year 2017.

The trip costs are as follows: \$1400 (for food/lodging/other in-country costs) plus \$1714.52 (for the plane tickets). So the total cost is \$3114.52.

In addition to that is \$500 for the companionship covenant. However, that comes out of the service fund, not the Guatemala fund.

\$1900 is the amount wired to ILAG: in-country costs + covenant commitment.

Carnival Update: Tegan Brown

All things are in place. The Brown Dog band has been hired, bouncy houses reserved. Food truck hired. Noise ordinance of Decatur explored and printed in case of complaints. Our times of the carnival are in compliance with city ordinance.

Volunteers are needed.

IX. Staff Reviews, Process and Dates: Adam Annis-Brown

Adam has begun the review process for staff. The process consists of a self evaluation, another church member of their choice and Pastor's evaluation.

Then the executive committee creates a summary evaluation with three work goals.

(2 professional/1personal)

X. New Business:

Messiah's Mission Statement is not the same across our different publications, i.e. FB, website, bulletins, etc. Discussion. Council will work on a cohesive statement and submit and decide via email.

DATE REMINDERS:

May 17 6:15pm Wayne Fell meeting.

May 20 9:30am The Way breakfast meeting

June 18 8:30am Council Meeting

July 15 9am Church Cleaning Day

August 26 10am-2pm Carnival

XI. Closing Prayer: The Lord's Prayer

XII. Adjourned at 10:35