

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church

Council Meeting

February 12, 2018

Members Present: Karen Broadwater, Fred Drotleff, Max Lebold, Susan Lux, Marilyn Mason, Chris Pontones, Terri Wanner, Jeff Ward (via phone), Michelle Ward, Ken Reinoehl.

Meeting opened with prayer. Members reviewed the minutes from December 11, 2017 and January 8, 2018 council meetings and the January 28 congregational meeting. Marilyn Mason motioned to approve the minutes as written. Terri Wanner seconded. Motion carried.

Elections. Jeff Ward motioned to have Susan Lux serve/fill vacancy of council president. Susan accepted. Chris Pontones seconded. Motion carried. Susan Lux motioned to have Jeff Ward serve as vice president. Max Lebold seconded. Motion carried.

Secretary position. The interviewing committee interviewed three persons. It was decided to offer the position to Mary Drotleff. Chris Pontones motioned to accept recommendations of the interview committee Marilyn Mason seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report. Report was covered by Michelle Ward. It was noted that this past week, income was able to meet expenses but this is not always the case. Transfer of money from savings needed to be made to meet expenses. Terri Wanner motioned to accept the treasurer's report. Chris Pontones seconded. Motion carried. Report placed in file for audit.

Old Business

Interim Pastor. Synod has recommended a candidate for interim pastor but wants to know about what we as a church can offer to pay him/her. Members discussed what is reflected in the budget and the income generated in January. It was felt that in order to have a more accurate figure/picture on what is being given, we need to view the income over several months. Jeff Ward to follow up with Synod re: council's concerns. Discussed having a congregation meeting on March 18, to update progress of interim pastor, address where the budget is and what we can pay a pastor. It was noted that the more the congregation is informed, that this will promote cooperation in making informed decisions. Congregation to be advised by bulletin, newsletter and announcement at worship (per constitution advising 10 to 14 days prior to a congregational meeting). At this time, due to the cost, we are not able to afford full time pastor. Our pastoral needs are best met with a supply pastor.

New Business

Thrivant We need a representative. Fred Drotleff nominated Janine Garber as a Thrivant representative. Marilyn Mason seconded. Motion carried. It was discussed of having a representative talk to council members to update information and answer any questions/concerns.

Reports

Evangelism and Outreach(Chris Pontones). Shepherd Kitchen date was changed to February 16. We are having a "40 item challenge" and accepting donations of Easter candy for HHN. There is a grieving support group at Aultman that is also available for an information session if the church would like to sponsor this as an outreach for the community.

Friendship and Family Life(Terri Wanner)/ Two funerals and luncheons

Financial Stewardship (Max Lebold) No report.

Property(Fred Drotleff). No report. Nothing has needed repaired

Worship and Music(Marilyn Mason) Ash Wednesday service February 14. Ken Reinoehl will be leading worship through Holy Week. Discussed the possibility of having a healing service on Maundy Thursday instead of communion and Tenebrae Good Friday service. It is uncertain if we will have a supply pastor for Easter.

Youth(Karen Broadwater) No report. Earth Day is April 22 which may be something to consider as an activity/project.

Technology (Jacob Schandel). Report reviewed. The copy machine contract is due to expire in August. We as a congregation need to evaluate our needs and what copy machine features will benefit SOV. There needs to be contact made to several companies to see if there is an option of having a demo copy machine on a trial basis to help us make an informed copy machine decision.

Pastoral Report(Ken Reinoehl). Pastoral visits and communion given

Other Business

Easter special event. Last year SOV sponsored breakfast with the Easter Bunny. Do we want to have this again?

Youth church. Need to get youth involved. Possible planned activity of leaving after the reading and returning after the sermon (the first Sunday of the month?)

Internet. At this time, church does not have internet. We need to assess to find a plan to fit our needs. Max Lebold suggested that we talk to a person/representative rather than try to conduct business on the phone.

Building. Paper towel shortage has been resolved with a new shipment expected Tuesday. The need for handrailing to promote handicapped accessibility will need to be purchased and installed. We need to check on sidewalk deicer.

Newspaper. Update has been made on the church listing in the Saturday newspaper with times and omission of pastor.

Lawn care. The company that sprayed the lawn last year has given a quote \$427.50. After discussion, Chris Pontones motioned to table this until next council meeting. Terri Wanner seconded. Motion carried.

Memorials. There have been memorials given for Jackie Wanner designated for IT or electronic. Jacob Schandel made a suggestion of possible new computer as the current one is outdated. The one viewer in the sanctuary is not working.

Sandy Valley Schools is seeking sponsorship for their program. Michelle Ward to follow up.

Chris Pontones motioned to adjourn; Fred Drotleff seconded Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Broadwater