

Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church

**Council Minutes**

**March 12, 2018**

Members present: Karen Broadwater, Bill Bowman, Fred Drotleff, Susan Lux, Marilyn Mason, Terri Wanner, Michelle Ward, Ken Reinoehl. Absent: Max Lebold and Jeff Ward (excused), Chris Pontones.

Meeting opened with prayer. Members reviewed minutes from February Council Meeting. Fred Drotleff moved to accept the minutes. Terri Wanner seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report. Members reviewed report. Michelle noted that as of February 28, last payment made to Pastor Miguel; and there was an increase expenditure in the area of property due to need for snow plowing(weather related). The cost of the church giving envelopes and there was an increase in office expenses. There has been an increase in giving in the month of February. Bill Bowman motioned to accept time the treasurer's report. Marilyn Mason seconded. Motion carried. Report placed on file for audit.

***OLD BUSINESS***

Pastoral Services. After reviewing figures we cannot afford a full time pastor. There are options of doing a "pulpit exchange" when SOV wants communion. Currently, Ken Reinoehl is leading the worship service on Sundays where there is not communion. The congregation will be given the details of this on March 18, 2018 at the congregational meeting (after worship). Healing service on March 18. Palm Sunday will be celebrated with palms. Maunday Thursday and Easter will have communion(with guest pastor) and Good Friday will be a Tenebrae Service.

Internet/phone/WiFi). We currently have service through Spectrum with same phone number. Terri Wanner was able to iron out details with Spectrum based on what Jackie had started.

Thrivent. On April 9, Kathy Smith to speak with council about the program and any updates.

Ad for Sandy Valley Musical placed.

Copy Machine Contract. Susan urged members of need to form a committee to review copy machines. This committee would be evaluating SOV copy needs, the cost and what different companies have to offer. Fred Drotleff and Susan Lux to serve on committee with Chris Pontones to be asked. Attention needs to be directed so that all details surrounding a copy machine/contract be put in writing to avoid problems with billing.

Lawn Maintenance. Members discussed the proposal made by the lawn company last year for 2018 season to address crab grass growth. Fred Drotleff recommended that we consider one treatment. Marilyn Mason moved to approve one treatment using the company. Bill Bowman seconded. Motion carried.

Membership Etc. At this time, Ken Reinoehl is attempting to contact people who have not been seen/heard of at church but who are on the list of members. The list for the newsletter includes people who are both members and non members. An option should be offered of having the newsletter sent to people via email if they would like. Regular postal delivery would also be an option especially for the

shut ins. There is a need for the addresses to be updated because this is not always forwarded to the office so necessary changes can be made.

Requests or recommendations for use of Memorial funds. After discussion, members felt this should be tabled until April meeting. Fred Drotleff motioned to table any decision on memorial funds until April meeting. Marilyn Mason seconded. Motion carried.

### **Reports.**

*Evangelism and Outreach.* No report

*Financial stewardship.* No report

*Friendship and Family Life.* There have been funeral dinners in March

*Property:* Fred Drotleff provided information on needed hand rail in the sanctuary. There are the options of white, silver, or oak, but white would blend in better. Terri Wanner motioned to implement hand rails; Marilyn Mason seconded. Motion carried. Fred advised members that the furnace filters need to be replaced at a cost of \$30.00. Marilyn motioned to allot funds so that furnace filters can be replaced. Susan Lux seconded. Motion carried. The black mat near the door is falling apart but it was noted that the gray mat was not. The black mat was replaced by the gray mat. The one refrigerator in the one classroom is empty. The question is should it be running (using energy)?

*Worship and Music.* Susan Kaschak will be away on April 22. Call will be made to find a substitute. March service schedule reviewed with Healing Service, Palm Sunday, Holy week Maunday Thursday and Good Friday and with Easter April 1.

*Youth.* At this time, still looking at possible options for youth.

*Technology.* Jacob working on pricing out technology updates that will be covered by memorial funds that are designated for this purpose.

*Ken Reinoehl* Report reviewed by members.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Rummage Sale. Members discussed that a sale should be considered either May 19 or May 12. Janine Garber has coordinated it in previous years and would be willing to continue. Fred motioned to have the rummage sale either date. Bill Bowman seconded. Motion carried. Text placed to Janine and date of May 19 designated for rummage sale.

ELCA meeting. There is a meeting June 8 and 9<sup>th</sup> with the cost of \$150 per person.

NEOSWO (Southern Cluster) April 11 at St. James Lutheran Tuscarawas, Ohio.

Grief Counseling. There is a speaker available to discuss funeral plans and address any concerns that persons may have. Members felt that the soonest that this can be considered is in the fall.

Next Meeting April 9, 2018 at 6:30pm with Kathy Smith from Thrivent as a guest speaker.

Meeting adjourned and closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Broadwater