



Congregation Council Minutes

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Congregation Council of Saint Andrew's Lutheran Church

Meeting Minutes

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Council Members in Attendance: Joni Barrott, Nona Gram, Brent Hicks, Ben Johnson, David Holzboog, Scott Lester, Lauren Maland, Pastor McEachran, Kendra Mills, Lois Nelson, Steve Serex, Jeff Stedman, Debbie Szabo, and Mark Thorpe.

Members Excused: Art Gurtel and Pastor Telyea.

Staff Members in Attendance: Emily Harrow and Susan Hegedus.

Staff Members Excused: Will Simpson

Guests: Jerry Mack

The Council meeting began with worship in the Sanctuary at 7:00PM, with Pastor Telyea presiding and preaching on I Corinthians 1:10-17. We reviewed the attributes of a healthy church based on scriptures, and were encouraged to live these attributes personally.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President David Holzboog at 7:29 PM.

Review/Approval of December Council Minutes: Joni Barratt made a motion to approve the December minutes, and Lois Nelson seconded. Brent Hicks requested a correction to Human Resources to read, "Lynn Mack and Dan Johnson presented to the committee". The minutes were approved as corrected.

Annual Meeting January 31: There will be a congregational question & answer session during the education hour on January 24. All committee chairs have turned in their reports. The nominating committee has 8 candidates for office, as follows: Misty Weber, Karen Grams, David Holzboog, Scott Lester, Mike Maland, Ann Thorpe, John Donhowe, and Jessica Allen. There are 8 nominations for Quiet Servants. Lois Nelson and Joni Barrott volunteered to help with setup and cleanup at the Annual Meeting. There will be a council meeting afterwards to elect officers and to welcome new council members.

Signage Working Group Update: There is a contract to design and build the sign. The estimated cost for signage and landscaping is \$11K. Scott Lester will participate in a group to rename the education wing.



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Stewardship/Challenge 2016 Results to Date: Mark Thorpe reported that we have 169 pledges totaling \$690K, about where we were last year at this time.

Finance Review/2015 Wrapup: Current Fund receipts for December were \$132,107, and there was a positive income of \$45,973 for 2015. Jerry Mack explained the history and purpose of the Reserve Fund.

Committee Reports:

Staff Transition Task Force: The two part time job descriptions are with the Human Resources committee for review. Hiring should be complete in the next few months.

Worship and Liturgical Arts: There may be a change in format for the Lenten services.

Communications: They hope to begin working on the website at their next meeting.

Christian Education: They will meet this Thursday.

Building and Property: We are waiting for the City of Bellevue to sign the parking lease. The anticipated start date is October 1. Parking lot striping and signage have been addressed. A gas main is being replaced by Puget Sound Energy.

Human Resources: They will meet on the third Sunday of the month during the education hour.

Youth and Family Ministries: The Christmas program was successful. God Squad had their first meeting to go over the summer mission trip.

Outreach and Servant Ministries: Debbie Szabo reported that we are collecting baby food for the Corner of Blessing. We will also have the "Souper Bowl" in February.

Staff Input: Susan Hegedus thanked the committee chairs for turning in their reports. Lent begins on February 10.

Emily Harrow reported that the mission trips are planned, one to Idaho for the middle schoolers, and a mystery northwest tour for the high schoolers. Each group will be fund raising for their trips.



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Pastor's Report: Pastor McEachran thanked the Stewardship committee for their work, and the KnitWits for creating baby and chemo caps. Bellevue College has 32000 students, and is making plans to add housing. Pastor Bragstad was honored for 70 years of ministry.

Proposed 2016 Budget: Mark Thorpe made a motion to move the 2015 surplus of \$45,973 to the general reserve fund, and Joni Barrott seconded. The motion passed. We reviewed a 2015/2016 yearly budget comparison. A question was raised about the lower budget for Christian Education, and Jerry Mack said that it was in alignment with past expenses.

New Business: Prayer partners were revealed.

Closing Prayer and Adjournment: Pastor McEachran closed in prayer with the Aaronic benediction. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM by President David Holzboog. The next Council meeting will be on February 8, 2016 at 7:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Nelson
Council Secretary