**Saint Luke’s Lutheran Church**

*Building Disciples Together with God*

Council Minutes

June 19, 2017

**Attending**: Pastor Andrea, Pastor Nathan, Bart Sabine, Elise Shelton, Sue Kaufman, Joy Derrick, Doug Burgreen, Marilyn Zielke, Mike Merriman, Mackenzie Merriman, Kevin Deise, Don Bierling, David McDougal, Riley Walker

**Excused**: Charlie Holman, Stephen Jackson, Patty Brown, Bubba Connelly

**Devotions**: Know Yourself, Know Your Church (Building Disciples Together with God) connections and communication.

**The following officers were elected for the 2017-2018 term.**

* Doug Burgreen – President
* Mike Merriman – Vice President
* Joy Derrick – Secretary

**Minutes** were approved as written

**Treasurer’s Report** – We are $21,646.46 in the hole (see attached). We cut the apportionment to the synod in half last month because we were so far behind.

Doug Burgreen moved that one of the pastors or president of council needs to approve all expenditures outside of the normal recurring expenses. Sue Kaufman seconded. This is on the advice of the Finance Committee. Motion passed.

Elise Shelton moved that we do not pay the second half of the May apportionment to SC Synod at this time. Sue Kaufman seconded. Motion passed.

Pastor Nathan moved that we instruct the financial secretary to pay the first half of the SC Synod apportionment each month during the fiscal year 2017-2018 and council will decide at each month’s council meeting whether or not to pay the second half. Mike Merriman seconded. Motion passed.

**Property** – We have three different companies bidding on painting and repairing the outside of the sanctuary, repairing the pews and windows and removing the stain on the ceiling.

**Worship –** The paraments and banner have been retired and new ones were blessed on June 18th. Music Camp has begun with a performance on June 25th at 4:00 p.m. The 125th Anniversary of St. Lukes Worship Services will be on August 27th.

**Information Technology –** We finally own the domain.

**Congregational Life –** There will be a dinner for our 125th Anniversary Dinner Saturday, August 26th. They are renting a tent for $400. They will be charging $10 a head and $30 a family for the Anniversary Dinner. They are planning an Octoberfest at the Dorchester Boat Club on September 30th for the 500th Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation. They will plan celebrations to thank Linda Machtel, Elmo Illderton and Judy Simokat for their service to St. Lukes.

Elise Shelton moved that a Property Acquisition Committee be formed with Bart Sabine as the Chairman to explore the purchase of additional property for St. Lukes. The committee will look at the pieces of property around the church to see what is available and what might become available. Doug Burgreen seconded. The motion passed.

Freeman Family is giving us the first option to buy the Freeman House on the Corner of West Second South Street and Pine Street. They are asking $500,000.

Next meeting: July 10th, 2017 Council Person of the Day for July– Joy Derrick