



Congregational Meeting Minutes

Sunday, April 15, 2018

11:30 a.m.

Call to Order

President Jon Evans called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon.

Opening Prayer

Pastor Anthony Chatman provided the opening prayer.

Confirmation of Quorum

Secretary Sheela Beteet declared that a quorum was present with 56 members in attendance.

Election of Candidate to Fill Open Council Secretary Position

President Evans asked for a motion to approve Sheela Beteet as Council Secretary. Steve Bridges moved and Ron Christ seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Annual Meeting Minutes Approval: January 28, 2018

Secretary Beteet asked the floor for a motion to pass the January 28, 2018 minutes.

The following changes were made to page 2 of the minutes: under Stewardship Update, CPR is \$15,000 and the end of the year giving for 2017 was \$321,000 and as of last December it was \$308,000.

Nancy Agafitei made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected and Barbara Vroom seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Synod Assembly Slate Approval

David Vroom, Lay Leadership Ministry Leader, reported that Pat Gibbons and Heda Christ volunteered to represent Hosanna Lutheran Church at the next Synod Assembly Meeting on May 17 to 19, at Hilton North.

Chad Greer made a motion to send Pat Gibbons and Heda Christ to the Synod Assembly and Betty Dove seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Spring Programming Updates

Mission Focus: Betty Dove reported the following events:

- Hosanna will participate with the women of Baitus Samee Mosque on April 17, 2018 from 11am to 1:30pm. They will be making quilts for local shelters. The mosque will provide a light lunch for the ladies and a tour of the mosque is scheduled for 10:30am.
- Hosanna will join six other faith communities in honoring First Responders on April 21, 2018 from 11am to 1:30pm at Champions Mosque, on Old Louetta Rd. Nancy added that last year we sold cookies and made \$900. Nancy requested for cookies to be donated for the event.
- Trina Williams is offering to give vaccines on Sunday, May 6, 2018 from 9am to 11:30am if there are enough participants. Immunizations offered will be shingles, pneumococcal, hepatitis A&B and Tetanus. Sign up sheets will be in the Narthex.

Care: Bernie Brown was absent but she presented her report to the President, who shared the following:

- Blood Drive on Sunday, April 22, 2018.
- Senior Trip to Galveston on Saturday April 28, 2018.
- Nam Prayer Breakfast at Nam Office on May 10th 2018 from 7:30am to 9:00am. RSVP to Bernie.
- Women's Interfaith Quilting Day on Tuesday, April 17, 2018.

Discipleship: Mindy Williams was absent.

- Becky Wolf enquired about the Easter Egg Event and Jon (President) reported it was a successful event and had 50+ kids participating.
- We were also informed that Mindy is planning for children/youth of the church to participate as greeters, ushers and readers on 5th Sunday of each month. They are receiving training and guidance to perform these duties.
- Pastor added that if there were plans for young kids to help with communion to consult him first.

Spiritual Life: Christy Hall was absent.

- Christy made a request for person to help with management of flowers for the church.

Finance Team: Kathy Burns reported for the Finance Team (Robert Brown, Ron Christ and Becky Wolf) who met on Sunday, April 8, 2018 and discussed the following:

- Insurance – Ron Christ is meeting with different companies and secure 3 bids by May 1st, 2018.
- CPR Fund – balance at the end of March is \$15,900. Steve Bridges would like to seal more church windows. We need to make sure that we have adequate balance to get through A/C season.
- Special Funds – we want to remind all ministries to utilize the special designated funds that have been given to their area.
- General Fund – General Fund is looking good. January was up \$3070, February is down \$3180 and March \$1856. At the end of 1st quarter, we are down \$1966. Becky Wolf has month end report in the Narthex.
- Job description document – is completed and handed to David Vroom on 15th April, 2018.
- Positions available: Financial Secretary and Finance Team Leader, anyone interested please contact David Vroom or Jon Evans.

CPR, R&R Funds and Ideal Impact Updates

Steve Bridges, Stewardship Team Member reported the following:

- Ideal Impact sent a letter claiming that they under billed us in 2017 in the amount of \$3,942.54, demanding payment in 4 months. The payment schedule was negotiated, and they agreed for payment to be made over 18 months. (Roughly payments will be about \$127.00 per month over the course of this period.)
- Craig Jenkins corrected the payment schedule for Ideal Impact will be 22 months with payments being \$164.27 per month.
- R&R Fund stands at \$11,173.12. Steve has 2 bids for lighting with lowest bid being \$12,840. He's still looking for one more bid. He plans to have all light fixtures to be done before Pastor Chatman's installation on May 6th.
- Steve informed the congregation that one of the bids is from his brother and that no favoritism will be given when acquiring a bid. His main focus is the good of the church.
- Steve gave a list of items that needed attention and the order in which they will be Performed:
 1. Have the roof inspected and repair as per roof inspection report. [completed]
 2. Lift station revisions to protect from lightning strikes and surges. [completed]
 3. Replace all light fixtures and light switches.
 4. Remodel restrooms in original part of building
 5. Remodel entire kitchen
 6. Recondition sanctuary
 7. Add wheelchair ramps for handicap parking and add more handicap parking spaces
 8. Install handicap access doors for north and south side main entrance
 9. Purchase additional chairs and tables for the fellowship hall and classrooms
 10. Paint walls in all areas of newer part of building.
- Jon Evans clarified that the CPR Fund is for emergency /unplanned needs such a/c breakdown. R&R Fund is for renovation and restoration.

Old Business

Valerie Oden reported the need for a nursery staff by the end of April. Nursery staff is paid \$50.00 for 3 hours. The position requires the candidate to be CPR certified and subjected to background checks.

New Business

Valerie Oden informed the congregation that in the middle of June there will be plans to have potluck dinners to welcome pastor and his wife. Anyone interested in hosting a dinner to contact Valerie. It will be for small group of 8 to 10 people.

Lisa Richardson requested help/volunteers from the congregation on the 6th May (Pastor's installation) to set up and clean up after the event.

For the Good of the Church

- Becky Wolf wanted to give a shout out to Bernie Brown and Nina Hellner for folding all printed materials since October of last year. Becky further informed the congregation that a generous anonymous donor has provided the office with a new folding machine.
- Becky thanked Gerry Wolf and Craig Jenkins for their help when the wireless and thermostat shutdown.
- Becky also thanked Steve Bridges for replacing burned out switches.
- Pastor expressed desire to have Ipads available for children's nursery. The Ipad is to have learning tools on it and be used as a reward for good behavior.
- Ron Christ thanked the congregation for their support of the Kagera Foundation-African Initiative which provided \$4,500 in funds for education of children.
- Jennifer Jackowski wanted to thank Bill King for the beautiful flowers planted around the church.
- Jennifer also thanked Joyce Evans for her contribution to "Godly Play" for the children's programs.

Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 1:30pm with a motion from David Vroom and seconded by Craig Jenkins.

The congregation gathered and closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted

Sheela Beteet
Council Secretary