

## **Minutes of Council Meeting January 21, 2019**

**Attendance:** Beth Colville, Linda Leudeke, Kay Stuckey and Pastor Rick Egtvedt

Kay Stuckey opened the meeting with devotions from the Lutheran Hour Ministry

The minutes from the November meeting were read. Linda Leudeke moved to approve, Beth Colville seconded, the motion carried.

### **Correspondence**

The ELCA Congregational Report form was received. Linda Leudeke and Beth Johnson will fill this out. It is due February 15<sup>th</sup>

A letter from Garrett County States Attorney was received announcing the formation and a meeting of a faith-based group teaming with the health department to deal with opioid issues. The meeting is January 29 at 7 pm. Pastor is aware of the meeting and will attend if his schedule permits.

Our Amazon Smile account is finalized. We may need to publicize the availability of this to encourage members to specify the SOTH Smile fund when they order on Amazon.

We received notice from the Faith Evangelical Free church that the spring women's retreat they host annually will be held on March 23 from 9 to 3:30.

**Treasurer's Report:** Linda Leudeke distributed the treasurer's report. Our end of year checkbook balance was \$26,561.96 of which \$19,935.61 is in the general fund. Our balance in savings is \$9,620.83 Kay Stuckey moved that the report be accepted, Beth Colville seconded and the motion carried.

**Pastor's Report:** The report was emailed in advance and is attached to these minutes

### **Old Business**

Plans for donated Computers: Kay Stuckey moved to let the Treasurer use the donated laptop to maintain the church financial records. The desktop is to be used for publications and to maintain historical records. Pastor Rick seconded the motion and the motion carried.

### **New Business**

The council deferred filling Barbara Hafer's vacated position for the immediate future.

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Beth Colville – President

Kay Stuckey – Vice President

Linda Leudeke – Treasurer

Mark Salsgiver – Secretary

Review of Advent Road Trip: Pastor shared that he received positive feedback from other congregations and the Accident congregation is interested in doing shared services for Lent. Concerns were expressed about bad weather conditions occurring while traveling in the dark during Advent and promoting growth of our own congregation. On the plus side, it is good to fellowship with other congregations. It was decided to investigate shared Lenten services but do something different for next Advent.

Beth Colville brought up the fact that committee business should not be conducted at Council meetings. It was discussed and agreed upon. No formal action was taken.

Weather Cancellation Policy: A weather cancellation policy was discussed in light of potentially bad conditions the previous weekend. The policy will be:

SOTH will have church each Sunday unless the Pastor or Music and Worship decides early Sunday that the road conditions are hazardous or the parking lot is unsafe. The congregation will be notified by email by 9:15 that morning and the information will be posted on Facebook. Members should use their own judgment on whether to attend based on conditions in their neighborhood. Service volunteers should not worry if it is unsafe for them to attend but should let someone know that they can't come.

The cancellation procedure is that Pastor, or Music and Worship will let Linda Leudeke or Beth Johnson know that conditions to get to the church are unsafe and they in turn will send out a group email. Linda Leudeke moved to accept the policy, Pastor Rick seconded and the motion carried.

Bulletins: Beth Coleville expressed a desire to publish the bulletins. She is currently printing and putting them together in her home. Linda Leudeke will contact Beth Johnson to discuss how to make this happen.

Audit: We will be able to audit 2018 finances after March 1<sup>st</sup>. We do not need to wait until the fall to do this as we did last year. Beth Colville will contact Barbara Hafer to see if she would be willing to set up a committee to do this.

**Committee Reports** – there were no committee reports

Pastor Rick moved to adjourn, Kay Stuckey seconded and the motion carried. The next meeting will be at Linda Leudeke house; Beth Colville will give the devotion.