

8/11/15 Council Minutes

August meeting held at Dennis's house in Mantorville

Present – Bill Thornburg, Dan Ziebell, Amanda Sabelko, Pastor Dana O'Brien, Pastor Randy Fett, Dennis Foster, Roger Carlsen, Tim Tjosaas, Lindsay Colwell, Adam Richards, Carol Cady, Deb Smith, Jay Harris

Absent – Wayne Hendrickson

The meeting was called to order by President Dennis. After calling the meeting to order, Dennis passed out some reading material to the council to read at their leisure. The reading pertained to "courageous leadership."

The council read together the mission statement

The agenda was reviewed. A motion to adopt the agenda was made by Dan and seconded by Jay- agenda approved.

Devotions were led by Jay

Pastor Randy talked about leadership. We went through our chapter in "Tattoos on the heart" and then talked about "inside the large congregation". Pastor Randy also talked about service and how have we shown or done service towards others. The council paired up and talked through both giving and receiving service and then the council got back as a large group to summarize.

June minutes were approved as presented – motion made by Bill and seconded by Deb.

Jay went through financials. Currently, the church has roughly \$35K on their line of credit at the bank through July. At this time last year, we were about \$5K more into our line than the current year. A motion was made by Deb and seconded by Tim to approve the financial reports – financial reports approved.

Jay talked with the council to ensure that all financial information was available to the church as a whole. The council decided to keep the snapshots in the weekly communication and work on a condensed version to share through our newsletters monthly to keep the church up on our financial well-being.

September 27th is stewardship Sunday – meal will be served by the council.

Properties was given direction to spend their budget money without getting council approval, which is like all other spending done by the church within the outlined and approved budgets.

CKP has identified 2 potential hires – Jennifer Henslin and Melinda Gehrking. A motion to hire these 2 recommendations was made by Tim and seconded by Roger – the 2 presented hires for CKP were approved and will be made official offers.

Discussion was held about an applicant to the choral director position. This person was also interested in the Worship Team leader position. Discussion was held to determine where we were at with our salary positions for the year. It was determined that we had money in the approved budget to hire this person for the final 4 months of 2015 and then we would need to reanalyze the budgets for 2016. A motion was made by Adam and seconded by Deb that this person be brought in for an interview for the position and see where it led to. This motion was approved and an interview will follow.

Short discussion was held on our Fall Stewardship campaign and our acceptance into the synod's "Stewardship for all Seasons" yearlong training in 2016.

Old business

Discussion was held to discuss the membership letter and where responses were at with this.

The council talked about the current sign-up for worship teams and who we needed to reach out to yet.

The council also brainstormed about some questions to ask of the Sunday worshipers as to feedback on our summer schedule for services for this past summer.

New business

4 families transferred out last month

The council will be sending a letter and flowers to Pastor Stephan Sandness for his 25 year ordination

The next council meeting will be Tuesday, September 8th.

A motion to adjourn was made by Bill and seconded by Jay. Meeting adjourned.

Adam Richards, Secretary