

St. Johns Lutheran December Council Meeting
December 8th, 2015

Present – Jay, Dan, Lindsay, Amanda, Randy, Deb, Adam, Carol, Wayne, Bill, Dana, Dennis
Absent – Roger, Tim

Meeting was called to order by President Dennis
The Council read the mission statement together

We had a report from the Lutefisk committee from Renee Solberg. We went through a handout on the income and expenses of the Lutefisk group from 2015. The council thanked Renee for the handout and the detailed description. Renee also presented the council a check for \$20,000 for their 2015 contribution towards our budget.

Devotions were led by Adam

Agenda was approved with a motion from Bill and a second by Deb

Pastor Randy presented a video which finalized our reading of “Tattoos on the Heart”.

November council minutes were approved as presented with a motion by Bill and a second by Wayne. We also had council sign up to fill our third Sunday spots for the church.

Breakfast in December is covered by the youth groups.

Financials were reviewed and approved with a motion by Deb and a second by Adam.

The council then spent some time going over the budget again and plans for budget balancing. Questions were asked about the giving estimate in 2016 and the total expenses. Giving was a combination of new pledging for 2016 as well as our Church stewardship campaign. No formal resolution was reached on the budget and the exec committee will meet again to work through the numbers and will hold special meeting with the council as a whole once a balanced budget proposal is reached.

Narrative budget was reviewed and well received. We will try to get this done before the full budget is released as this gives better information to the average church goer.

Staff reports were reviewed with no questions or concerns noted.

Old Business

Fall Stewardship campaign results – increased pledging of \$36,000 for 2016

Brief discussion on annual meeting on Jan 20th. Should be all set and we will get paper ballots if we need to do a vote for the refinance.

Council spots are filled for 2016

New Business

No transfers

Council decided to live by our mission statement and drop our facility rental fees. Dennis brought this idea up and no negative views were given. This passed with a motion by Adam and a second by Carol.

Pastor Randy will do devotions in January.

Motion to adjourn was made by Jay and seconded by Deb.

Lords prayer done together as a group.

Meeting adjourned.