**Our Redeemer Church Council**

December 18, 2018 7:00PM

Attending: President Tom Stanton, Vice-president Mark Wells, Sheila Corn, Tim Givan, Scott Miller, Laura Miller, Richard Mehl, Levi Julian, Jennifer Beaird, Karen Mendenhall, Sarah Winkler, Pastor Quentin Nuttmann, Pastor Henry Blickhahn. The meeting was called to order by President Tom Stanton at 7:03 PM. Pastor Nuttmann opened the meeting with a devotion based on Phillipians chapter 4. “Be happy in the Lord always.” His reminder is to go to God in prayer about anything that causes anxiety.

The minutes were presented as part of the council packet. Laura moved to accept the minutes as amended. Sarah seconded; passed.

Treasurer report: Tim reported that November was a tough month- Net revenue was negative $8962.46 which makes us year-to-date -$19015.24. He prepared an update on designated funds and suggested moving some to existing line items to simplify our books. He also noted that he and Jolyn were changing our QuickBooks license which will save approximately $600 / yr. Scott moved to accept the financial report; Laura seconded; passed. Tim moved to move the following designated funds:

Adult Sunday School –reduce to $500 and move the rest to general fund

Angel Tree- move to Love Fund

Benevolences- move to Memorial Fund administered by Arlene Jones

Funeral Expense- zero out

Interest (accumulated)-move to general fund

Lutheran Hour- need to zero out

Memorials- move to Memorial Fund administered by Arlene Jones

Pastor housing – move $85 to general fund

Tape fund- move to general fund

Trunkhill tax fees/penalty- move to general fund

Levi seconded, passed.

**Staff reports**

Pastor Nuttmann highlighted which included his thank yous to the people that make all our programs go and especially Pastor Henry and Betty. He observed that our congregation does a lot in the community but does not get a lot of attention. He asked us to reflect on the fact that because many of us have known each other for years are we friendly and welcoming to visitors, inviting the community and special offerings in December for debt elimination; We see lots of nonmembers during the week with food bank and ELC- how do we get people to come to our church?

Pastor Henry- We had a good Streets of Bethlehem. 70 people served not including cookie bakers and approximately 600 attended.

**Commissions**

Elders- Scott reported that they had met last Thursday. Ken Kelley has expressed interest in serving on the board of elders. Scott moved to appoint Kan Kelly to the Board of Elders to be a part of outreach and missions. Mark seconded; passed

ELC- In Starla’s absence mark highlighted her written report. Currently 57 children are enrolled. They are working on getting one of our classrooms relicensed so that we can have another Waddler room (1-2 year olds) to meet the demands of our waiting list for the younger age groups. This may take up to 2 months. They have also voted to offer the Director position to Kathrine Cota after whe has served as interim director for 6 months. Pastor and Tom will discuss the steps necessary to complete this with the ELC board.

Worship- Karen- no meeting this month

Adult Nurture- Laura- They met Sunday. College and Career group has been going well although attendance has been down a little because of sickness. Their next study is Fusions, a study of Revelations Pastor Nuttmann will lead a Matrix study; Tim will lead a 12 week study of the Apostle’s Creed on Wednesday evenings. The response to the survey was good. They are looking at SWANK movie series.

Stewardship- Levi-Needs a meeting with money counters, is adding members to his board.

Children’s Nurture- Jennifer- Christmas program went well. We served a soup supper to 120 people. One class from the ELC joined us for our program and they had good attendance from that class. We had table tents on the tables inviting the friends and families to our Christmas services.

Property- Dick- No stained glass installed yet. Oven in the ELC needs to have the orifice fixed. We need new chairs in the conference room. Streets of Bethlehem was cleaned up by noon Monday!

Advertising and Media- Sarah- Her board had a working meeting. Since internet service has improved she is not going ahead with upgrades as it would cost $50/mo. We needed a facebook live upgrade so we can continue streaming our services. This cost $350.

Outreach-Tom read Mary’s report since she was ill. They recently met and had a good meeting. A card and letter is being included with the gifts to our Angel Tree families. Pam collated and made an address list for the Teddy Bear Tea families. They will invite to our Christmas services. They are looking for outreach for kids and different venues for outreach.

Policy and Procedure committee- Mark reported that they are still working on it as it is so out of date. Jennifer said that the Children’s Nurture group had looked at the background checks done by Protect My Ministry and that they will run check on all new volunteers and every three years on previous volunteers. She will report the costs in January.

Budget Committee- Tim has given all commission directors a work sheet and each commission needs to work on their new budget.

Nominating committee- Tom passed out a list of all offices up for election. Jennifer is the only one that has served 6 years and so cannot serve. Step 1 is to send a call letter to all current council members. Step 2 is to identify more nominees and send call letters.

**Old Business**

2019 LCMS Convention- Pastor Nuttmann is working on registration.

Donuts- Jennifer thanked Emily Schwartzkopf for creating an email account for Walmart pickup. Password of orlhutch and Henry’s credit card is on file with them. Jennifer will create a written procedure for those who will pick up donuts.

Building security is waiting on the grant decision.

**New Business**

Pastor Nuttmann has had a member offer a donation of $9000 to be matched for debt reduction. The discussion included that we need to emphasize that this is over and above regular giving and the timeframe from December 23- April 30. Tim moved to accept the gift for $9000 as a challenge donation and express to the congregation that be over and above the regular offerings and that this campaign run from December 23, 2018 through April 30, 2019. Laura seconded; passed.

Corrections and additions to the calendar were made.

Scott moved to adjourn the meeting. Tim seconded; passed. The council adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Corn, secretary