**Our Redeemer Church Council**

July 17,2018

7:00PM

Attending: President Tom Stanton, Vice-president Mark Wells, Sheila Corn, Tim Givan, Scott Miller, Laura Miller, Richard Mehl, Levi Julian, Sarah Winkler, Karen Mendenhall, Starla Wells, Pastor Henry Blickhahn. The meeting was called to order by President Tom Stanton at 7:05 PM. Pastor Henry led a devotional on the Water of Life based on John 4:34-35.

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

Treasurer report: Tim presented several reports. The first report was the April yearend report. He has tried to reconcile the balances in each of the line item funds. He is looking for online tutoring for both Quick Books and nonprofit accounting. Laura moved to accept the yearend report. Sarah seconded; passed. Concerning the May and June monthly reports- because of the interest paid before the mortgage we are showing a negative balance of $12,206.47. Also we have no line item for convention expenses. Starla moved to accept the May and June monthly reports. Scott seconded; passed.

Staff report: Henry says he is doing lots of calls including hospital and hospice. Because of Joan’s funeral he found people to cover his LVR commitments so that he could officiate her funeral. On the subject of Right Now Media, Henry would like to continue. Karen moved to continue Right Now Media for 1 month. Starla seconded. After much discussion about whether these resources follow Lutheran theology, and consensus that any used for teaching should be reviewed by our pastors, this question passed. There is no budgeted amount for this so we will revisit this again next month.

Commissions: ELC-Starla reports that ELC is operating in the black. They are conducting interviews for a new director. Kathryn is not ready for this position. They have had many applicants however because of the multiple pathways to qualify for this position they are having each check with KDHE to make sure applicants qualify. Many do not. Of the three qualified applicants so far, all would have to relocate. Shivawn will be leaving either August 1 or September 1. Kathryn may have to act as interim director. The flooring in the FLC may have to be repaired or replaced- it is buckling.

Property- Dick reported that there is new ceiling tile in the entry and parish hall. He has interviewed for a new janitor- Gary. Hiring is done by the elders. There was a discussion of spending undesignated memorial funds.

IT- Sarah reported that the nursery is set up to see services. She also set up the Skype for the pastoral interviews. The WiFi still needs improvement because of our needs. Ideatek may save money over Cox.

Stewardship- Levi met with the elders and wants to kick start stewardship. His research shows there is a shortfall in offerings of about 20%. Weekly offerings average $7504.07, $38.11 / person Since we have added a mortgage payment of $1900/mo we need an increase of $800 over our current. Stewardship will be meeting on the 4th Monday of the month.

Worship- Karen reported that Worship board will be doing a HCC popup welcome promotion on August 15 for the first day of classes. This year we will have 2 children’s choirs and 1 Jr hi/ high school choir.

Adult Nurture- Laura’s board will be meeting on the 3rd Sunday of each month. Their first priorty is to start a College and Career group starting September 16. Travis Hampl will lead.

Outreach- Mary has added 2 new members to her board, ordered a Bible study, written a letter for visitors, and is writing an invitation to go in the grocery bags from the food bank.

Kitchen committee has been appointed. Members are Pamela Winkler, Donna Schroeder, Linda Stanton, Carol Kempke, and Loetta Walker. Mark Schwartzkopf is the technical advisor.

Call Committee- has 3 more interviews, 2 from our list have asked to be removed from consideration, will meet again next week. Special meeting to issue a 3rd call will be August 12 to 1:00pm.

Elders- Scott will divide the list of members, each elder will be assigned to each group and a letter will be sent to let members know who their elders are and who is nurturing each family. Church security team – Tom, Dennis, Mark, David and Clayton- has addressed the following issues. We have had one incident with a car that was broken into. They will be making and posting maps with shelter locations marked. Training for ODs and ushers is being developed. They still need to meet with Children’s and Youth Nurture as well as other commissions and committees. Bids for cameras and locking front doors, considering liability waivers for facility use by non church groups.

Old Business; HCU signers- Tom and Mark will sign tonight ; Tim will deliver the signature card to HCU.

New Business: Bulletin changes - Building fund #1- will be the Kitchen Fund; Building Fund #2 will be the debt reduction fund until the mortgage is approved. Tim will approve the fiscal statement that is in the bulletin and it will update monthly.

Budget shortfall- Levi’s ideas- talk to the congregation, fundraiser nights like those done at Papa John’s. After discussion, we decided to have each board talk to the congregation about the things their board has done. We will do this after the announcements when we are OD, and we will pray about it with the congregation.

Laura moved that Tom and Tim fill out the LCEF paperwork for the loan. Starla seconded; passed.

Tim moved to adjourn the meeting. Levi seconded; p assed. We finished the meeting by reciting the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectively Submitted,

Sheila Corn, secretary