

Council Meeting
February 12, 2017

1. Members/visitors in attendance: Ken Tucker, Kelly Tucker, Eric Maerten, Jon Hill, Cheryl Snook, Darline Rappe, Richard Davis, Margi Beyersdorf, Chaplain Williamson, Pastor Rappe and Sandy Wegner.
2. Meeting opened with a prayer by chairman.
3. Motion was made, seconded and carried to approve minutes of January meeting.
4. Treasurer: report was discussed.
5. Maintenance: landscaping is finished. Brush clearing still pending. Would like to get both brush clearing and growth cleaned up along fence with the \$400 authorized. Suggestion made that this be done by an organization such as Boy Scouts, etc. or as public service project. Some organizations have been notified and Chaplain Williamson will contact Terry Sanford ROTC. Eric would like to have this done by Easter. Suggestion was made that he wait until decision made whether expansion is approved.
6. Elders: no report.
7. LWML: no report.
8. Evangelism: nothing new
9. Altar Guild is obtaining kneelers for communion rail.
10. Education: looking for new curriculum.
11. Stewardship: Today's collection was \$5,720. \$20 for building fund and \$160 for Altar Guild (flowers).
12. Youth: no report
13. Vice Chairman:
14. Pastor: asked if there is a monthly stipend to his benevolence fund. He would like to use most of this account to assist members with cost for Synago.
15. Chairman: no report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ken has reviewed regulations and been in contact with LCEF and clarification has been received regard mileage/auto allowance. Car allowance is taxable and mileage is not.

Eric is filling in as vice chairman; however, Ken is still trying to find someone new to take the position.

Women's restroom still needs new light.

Discussion regarding proposed expansion:

Question was asked whether a needs assessment has been done. Concern mentioned that the area might be too large. Architect was asked how much less it was be if only 20 feet. As the savings, would only be \$10,000, kitchen committee decided to leave at 25 feet. They need 5 ovens and room for people to work in the kitchen. There will be another voters' meeting after final plans received from architect and estimates from contractors. There will be separate architect plans for kitchen project and bathroom project. Question asked about future use of old kitchen and long term plan. Suggestion was made that prior to voters' meeting a portfolio be creating with slides showing steps that have been made, long term plan and milestones reached. This should be placed on church website and printed and placed on board for all members to review. The current plan indicates a twenty year \$240,000 loan. Suggestion was made to start a campaign to obtain contributions towards the project.

Kelly reminded Eric to move tiles prior to our next meeting and Jon to remove recording equipment.

Replacing hymnals discussed. Council agrees this is a theological decision. Pastor has decided to put this on hold at this time.

New Business:

Attendee asked if we had a software program to track donations, attendance, etc. We use Shepard's Staff.

Chaplain Williamson mentioned his concern that LIRS is indicating they are affiliated with the Missouri Synod and furnishes information to executive/legislative branch of government. He is checking further on this. At some point in the future, he may ask that this be taken to circuit.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn.

Meeting closed with prayer by pastor.