

# OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

## FULL COUNCIL MEETING

JULY 24, 2018

APPROVED

### I. CALL TO ORDER

A. OPEN WITH PRAYER AND/OR DEVOTIONAL: Vice Chairman Mike Schultz called the meeting to order at

6:31 p.m. Pastor Krach opened with prayer.

B. ESTABLISH A QUORUM: A quorum was established. Those present were Mike Schultz, Tyler Schlitzkus, Julie Zahm, Roger Peck, Pastor Krach, Sandy Berg, Kathy Rountree, Ken Wagner, and Pam Brackrog.

C. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: There was one addition to the agenda under New Business Item D: Room Improvements. Motion to accept the agenda as amended made by Roger Peck supported by Pam Brackrog, MC.

D. VISITOR'S COMMUNICATION: Kathy Rountree reported that a congregant was unable to hear questions being asked at the SMP meeting when viewed online. Tyler commented that other on-line viewers had the same experience and the issue is being addressed. Kathy also asked if absentee ballots are acceptable when voting for the SMP Program if congregants are unable to be physically present. Tyler reported he has checked the church by-laws and said yes, if the absentee ballot is submitted within the acceptable time frame.

### II. MINUTES APPROVAL AND DIRECT REPORTS

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING: One correction was noted and made under the Treasurer's Report. Motion to accept the amended minutes from the June 26, 2018, Executive Board Meeting made by Ken Wagner supported by Pam Brackrog, MC.

B. TREASURER'S REPORT: Roger explained that 96% of the budget was spent during the last fiscal year. During the month of June, collections were less than at the same time

last year. Year to year giving was down by 3.29% or \$9,412.18. Overall, we spent \$14,000 more than we took in. The shortfall will be covered from the General Fund. The General Fund Balance of \$73,000 includes funds from Mosh, the Improvement Fund, and other monies. Electronic tithing was significantly less than last year, \$1,080 monthly compared to \$645 monthly. Roger explained that reasons why are unknown. Roger reported that a decrease in giving trend is continuing. Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented made by Ken Wagner, supported by Pam Brackrog, MC.

**C. PASTOR'S REPORT:** Pastor Krach gave a brief report on the Michigan District Convention attended by he and Ken Wagner at the end of June. At the convention, President Maier was elected to a second term. Pastor reported several visits to the sick, shut-ins and distribution of communion. The church picnic went fairly well. 109 were in church due to inclement weather, with more attending the picnic in the park. Pastor will be on vacation the first three weeks in August and Pastor Hensler will be preaching in his absence. Pastor and Ken Wagner were present at a recent Worship Committee meeting to discuss future worship services and sermons through the end of March.

**D.C.E. REPORT:** Tyler reported a very busy summer season. He continued to keep in contact with the youth and their families making 36 home visits since the beginning of June. The mission trip to Pittsburgh went great with a really great group of youth attending. The GLS will be held August 9-10 with Denzel Washington scheduled to be the keynote speaker. A trip to Cedar Point is scheduled for Monday, July 30. Thursday Troupe kick-off is scheduled for September 6 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. or later. End time may run longer, depending on the need. Confirmation Retreat planned this fall at Camp Arcadia, date yet to be determined. Decision to attend Tool Time this fall or choose a different retreat will be decided at a later date. Sunday School attendance is improving and Tyler reported good contacts with students and families. The new school year will start on August 27.

### III. UNFINISHED/OLD BUSINESS

**A. FREE COMMUNITY MEAL UPDATE:** The Free Community Meal will be held this coming Saturday and will be hosted by the youth. Menu will consist of baked chicken, potato salad and several desserts. As of the end of June, \$876 in contributions have been donated by congregants towards funding the Community Meal Program. Pastor reported that attendees are fed physically as well as spiritually and some have attended church services as a result.

**B. OFFICE COMPUTER UPDATE:** The new office computer is installed, and scanning issues are being addressed. Shawn is happy with the new dual screen system.

**C. OPEN MINISTRY POSITIONS:**

**1. CARE MINISTRY:** The chair for the Care Ministry is still vacant. We were asked to pray about and seek a replacement.

**D. GYM LIGHT PROJECT:** The gym lights are awaiting installation. Adam is working with Master Electric to set an installation date.

**E. SMP UPDATE:** Pastor and Tyler reported the informational meeting last week was fabulous with several great questions asked to clarify the program. Tyler reported that his application to the program is complete and has been submitted. The main point needing clarification to the congregation is that the church is not being asked to fund the program but to determine the need. All future questions regarding the SMP Program should be directed to Pastor or Tyler. Tyler is compiling a list of all the questions asked at the meeting and will print and distribute them to the congregation. Discussion followed.

**F. SANCTUARY WINDOW PROJECT:** The project is scheduled for October and will include caulking and power washing the North and south sanctuary windows.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. SOLAR CROSS:** Mike Schultz reported that Gladwin Zoning regulation will not approve the solar cross due to the fact that the illumination is generated directly from the cross. It was formerly understood upon initial request with the City of Gladwin that this would not be an issue. Mike met with Bernie Weaver at Gladwin City Hall to discuss the issue and it will now go to the Board of Appeals. Discussion followed on the specifics of the regulation policy and what must

be done to comply, including contacting residents within a 300' perimeter of the church property and paying the \$250 fee to file the appeal. Options for funding the fee were discussed. Adam and Mike will complete and submit the necessary paperwork for the appeal to the five person Board, who will then vote on the issue. The outcome will be reported as soon as available.

## B. MINISTRY TWEETS

**WORSHIP:** Julie Zahm reported that dance will be incorporated into worship in the near future. There is a group of girls presently preparing and will be available in a couple of weeks.

**REP-AT-LARGE:** Sandy Berg had issues reported to her about kitchen cleaning: Ladies Aid schedules a kitchen cleaning twice a year. Since the kitchen is frequently used by others, a new cleaning schedule would include other groups as well. Congregants also reported to Sandy the desire to have Announcements made at the beginning of the service instead of in the middle. Reasons for the present order of Announcements in the Sunday Services were explained and Ken Wagner recommended that Sandy have the ones asking the question to take their concerns directly to him. The hose spigot needs to be properly attached after removing for yard work, with care to turn off the water when finished using the hose. The issue will be addressed.

**LADIES AID:** Kathy Rountree reported that quilts from World Relief Quilters were recently delivered to Patriot's Place in Gaylord. Ladies Aid donated an additional \$250 towards the Food Truck Project making their total contribution \$595.45. The annual Rummage Sale will be held August 2 and 3. The proceeds will be split with the Baby Pantry and Shelter House. Unsold items will go to Helping Hands in Beaverton. A second Ladies Aid Memorial Scholarship will be awarded at church on August 5. Tyler offered to help with the presentation. Ladies Aid recently sponsored Sue Alexander and Susan Svetcos to attend the LWML District Convention. \$200 in Walmart gift cards were donated to Concordia Seminary students in Ft. Wayne and St. Louis. Ladies Aid sponsored the June Birthday Party at the Gladwin Pines Nursing Home and provided refreshments. There are issues with the kitchen refrigerator temperature reportedly not cold enough which are being addressed.

**C. NEXT MEETING:** Executive Council, August 28, 2018, 6:30 p.m.

**D. ROOM IMPROVEMENT:** Tyler asked the Council's blessing to paint the rooms off the kitchen and in the Quilting Room. The Council agreed it was a good idea and recommended the walls next to the kitchen be washed first due to all the previous cooking for the Sausage and Sauerkraut Suppers. Kathy Rountree will discuss the issue at the next Ladies Aid meeting. Tyler said the cost will be covered out of the youth budget.

OTHER: Kathy Rountree asked for a Vision Committee update. Ken reported that plans to update church flooring are proceeding. Samples have been obtained and a progress report will be available soon. Kathy also asked if a date has been set for follow up and voting on the SMP Program. Pastor reported the date has not yet been set.

## V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Roger Peck, supported by Ken Wagner, MC.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

A. Lord's Prayer

Respectfully Submitted, Pam Brackrog

Secretary Pro Tem