

West Nidaros Church Council Meeting – Sunday August 21, 2016

Meeting called to order 6:00 p.m. by Lynn B

Members present: Lynn B, Troy T, Dale O, Mike H, Jeff O, Greg S, Danya H, Jan A, Terry K, Lynette K, Kris C, Pastor Bob Hansen

Visitors: Cheryl Engler, Ron Hegge, Gail Carlson

Highs/Lows

Agenda: Approved with changes made. M/S Jan/ Jeff Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Received a letter from the Minnehaha Director of Equalization: every 5 years they send a review of our tax exemption. Lynette will look for the last form completed to use as a reference. We received the following endowed money: Art Moe \$87,403.00 and Gunderson \$8241.05 for a total amount received \$95,644.05

At the end of July we are \$1210.33 for the year.

Motion made to purchase Family Bibles which will be paid for out of Jessi's budget. M/S Dale/Mike. Motion carried.

M/S Jeff/Terry to approve the Treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Financial secretary's Report: Written report presented.

The replica church board voted to invest the replica church portion of the funds in the amount of \$105,000 with the foundation.

Secretary's Report: M/S Jeff/ Danya to approve as written. Motion carried.

Committee Review: Christian Education- Carpeting in lower level Sunday School rooms need to be replaced as it has been wet several times. M/S Jeff/Jan for properties to purchase flooring and paint for the hallway to these rooms. Motion carried.

The Sunday School program needs TV's for the classrooms as the curriculum is presented on DVD's. IT volunteers will look into this and report back to Council.

Unfinished Business:

Listen God is Calling Appeal: Ron Hegge shared that the suggested goal is \$100.00 per average Sunday attendance X 3 years. Our average worship attendance per Sunday is 200 members.

M/S Mike/Dale to set a goal for the Listen God is Calling at \$48,000.00 over three years with \$24,000.00 being endowed money from Art Moe. For 2016 \$8000.00 was approved at the annual meeting. The remaining \$24,000.00 would be pledges from the congregation. For a total of \$48,000.00.

Stewardship for 2017 will coincide with the God is Calling Appeal and will be presented to the congregation on October 16th.

M/S Greg/Jeff to approve the distribution of endowed income received in 2015 as follows: ELCA World Hunger Appeal \$2500.00, ELCA Disaster Relief Fund \$2000.00, Lutheran Social Services of SD (East Bank Campus Campaign) \$3500.00, Food For The Poor (To construct house) \$3200.00, Luther Seminary (Addition to Art Moe Endowed Scholarship) \$2500.00, Lutheran Outdoors of SD (For project to expand Nesodak) \$5000.00, Cedro Galan Improvements-Nicaragua (Per Synod Request) \$2500.00, St Dymas \$300.00, Horse Creek Projects \$300.00, Missionary Support \$1500.00, Paved Parking Lot \$12,500.00, Shirts for softball team \$250.00, Bible School Tuition \$2500.00, Pastoral Incentive Package \$3000.00, Sanctuary Media Upgrades \$1450.00, Horizon Fund (Addition to 2016 Distribution) \$5000.00. Total Distribution \$48,000.00. Motion carried.

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Embe: Sink installation has been completed. The Embe before/after school program has been cancelled due to lack of participation. They are planning on a summer program again as it was very successful. Parish Site Study will be on Wednesday August 24th at 6:00 p.m. Congregation is encouraged to attend. Properties/ Janitor: suggest that they meet for future updates/ cleaning that is needed.

New business:

Storage Issues: Every KMA is asked to look at their belongings in the lower storage area and any other area of the church which you may have items. Dispose of items no longer needed. We are running out of storage space.

Rally Sunday Activities: There are a lot of activities going on Rally Sunday. Encourage all to participate.

Beds for Horse Creek Families: Mattress Firm is donating 14 beds to Horse Creek.

Sheryl Engler presented the guidelines and fees for the Family Life Center for review.

Jeff shared that our insurance company has presented documents asking for a replacement value of the church. It is set at 4.3 million now.