

Peace Lutheran Church Council
April 28, 2016

Present: Don Zimmer, Elizabeth Constantine, Wendell Anderson, Craig Endicott, Jeff Preston, Heidi Ortolano, Torey Draughn, Ginny Wolford, Dale Hupp, Mary Oliver, Bradley Oliver

Non-Voting Member: Dean Pederson
Absent: Lori Arguelles

The meeting was called to order at 6:31.

Devotions were provided by Craig Endicott.

March Council Minutes

Mr. Anderson moved for approval of the minutes from the March Council meeting. Jeff Preston seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously with the addition of Nathan's last name (Bradd)

Financial Update

Apple stock was sold two weeks ago. The donors designated it for debt reduction and their 2017 pledge. Quarter 1 giving was up, especially from non-pledged giving. April was less than \$22,000 (vs. \$28,000 in Jan and Feb). Lowest giving month since August 2012.

Capital Appeal has been holding steady at \$3500 a month.
Building Usage money is also up.

Capital Appeal

There was a meeting held during the last Finance meeting. Mr. Anderson shared some general comments he has gathered from talking with members of the church. Consensus of the committee is to conduct a campaign beginning in July/August, with the pledge period being from Sept 2016-June 2018, with the hope that people would continue Capital Appeal giving during the summer. The money received would go to reducing principal on loan. Finance committee would run this Capital Appeal on the long term, but would need short-term volunteers (during the summer).

Craig Endicott has moved that we begin a capital appeal on July 17 (for six weeks), with a pledge period from Sept 1, 2016 to June 30, 2018. Torey Draughn seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Stewardship

Dean Pederson presented information he received from a presentation by Mike Ward, sponsored by the synod. He attended in March. The presentation was all about changing our approach and doing things differently. Mr. Pederson gave a hand out that talked about why we give or fail to give. We need to talk about money and

generosity. We need to make a case for a ministry's vision. We take that information and present it to members. There were also worst and best practices provided for Annual appeal. For this year's Annual Appeal, Stewardship needs a prioritized fundable Vision from the committees and Council by September 1, growth goals, and access to private giving records. Stewardship is also asking that Council members sign a covenant and submit their pledge. Stewardship currently knows who submitted a pledge card, but does not see the actual pledge cards.

Jeff Preston moved that Stewardship committee have access to the financial giving records of contributors. Craig Endicott seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Consultant Schedule

Mr. Zimmer has created a schedule to meet with Dr. Pence. All of Council will meet with him on Tuesday, May 3 at 7pm.

Town Meeting Debrief

The PowerPoint presentation will be placed on the website.

Solar

Mr. Anderson, along with Ms. Arguelles and Mr. Preston, has recommended the proposal provided by Solar City. Mr. Anderson moved that Peace will convert to solar energy in contract with Solar City. Don Zimmer will be authorized to obligate the church in signing the contract. The motion was passed unanimously.

2013 Audit

Mr. Zimmer will send it out for concurrence.

Council Secretary

Ms. Arguelles will be resigning her position as Council Secretary. A nomination for replacement is necessary.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07.