

Peace Lutheran Church Council Meeting  
September 1, 2016

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

Non-voting member: Dean Pedersen

Absent:

Meeting was called to order at 6:29 with prayer and devotions.

### **July Minutes**

A motion to approve the July Meeting Minutes was made and seconded, and passed unanimously.

### **Capital Appeal/ 2017 Budget**

Capital Appeal: Mr. Anderson emailed information about pledges received thus far for the next Capital Appeal. A thank you letter will be sent out to those who pledged, along with information in the newsletter about how the appeal is going.

General Giving: The month of July showed excellent giving, and August has shown to be about the same as last year. Regular giving for the year will be about the same as last year. Expenses are currently running a little lower than expected YTD.

2017 Budget: A refinance of the mortgage could create a \$7500 savings for the year. Not staffing an Events Coordinator saves \$2500. A draft budget should be presented at the Nov council meeting. This budget will include an estimated salary and other expenses for a new pastor.

### **Stewardship Priorities**

Ms. Ortolano reported that Stewardship has received some additional ideas from committees about items to purchase that go above and beyond our regular budget, that may help encourage more giving. Stewardship has asked Council to prioritize these requests.

Mr. Pedersen was with us to discuss the Stewardship plan for the upcoming year. Stewardship had identified 32 families that will be contacted directly about their giving to help go above and beyond the proposed budget.

After discussion, a list was created. A motion was made to recommend to Stewardship the list of priorities as follows:

1. PT Children's Ministry Staff \$15000
2. Restore Benevolence \$7000

3. Electronic Keyboard/Worship Enhancements for Altar \$3000
4. Care Committee \$2000
5. Staff Salary Increase \$4000
6. Other Staffing (Administrative) \$18000

The motion was seconded and passed.

#### **Approval of Marcie and Karen**

A motion was made to hire Marcie Robinson as Interim Youth Director and appoint Karen Ulbright as Financial Secretary. The motion was seconded and passed.

#### **Retreat**

The discussion will be tabled until our next Council Meeting. All Council members will have the opportunity to read the draft of the MSP by the next meeting. The council will be referring the approval of the MSP to the Executive Committee.

#### **Education**

We are not starting Sunday School in our traditional way on September 18. There will be Rally Day on September 11. The Education Ministry is looking at a more home based curriculum.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 with the Lord's Prayer.

Our next meeting is September 22.