

Peace Lutheran Church Council Meeting
September 22, 2016

Present: Don Zimmer, Elizabeth Constantine, Wendell Anderson, Craig Endicott, Ginny Wolford, Dale Hupp, Mary Oliver, Jeff Preston, Brad Oliver,

Non-Voting: Columbus Williams

Absent: Heidi Ortalano

The meeting was called to order with prayer and devotion.

Minutes

There was a motion to approve the minutes from September 1 (our August meeting), which was seconded, and passed.

MSP

A draft was sent out for comment to both the Council and congregation. Comments will be received through October 3. The Transition Team will meet again to review comments. Mr. Williams shared the work the Transition Team did to create the MSP. A motion has been made that the Council conditionally approve the MSP, pending editorially changes, and that the Executive Committee is authorized to submit final approval on behalf of the Council. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Worship

Donations have been made to cover the cost of a digital piano. The new estimate for purchase is \$4200.

Donations were also made toward worship enhancement items.

A motion was made to remove the worship and music items from the Stewardship priority list. The motion was seconded and passed, with one abstention.

Education

We will be meeting for the second time this Sunday, September 25. There were over 20 adults involved last week. A book, Holding Your Family Together , is available for all involved.

The Bible's Big Story: Mr. Zimmer will share a presentation on Sunday, Oct 3 in the afternoon.

Finances

2017 Budget

The budget process was discussed at the Finance committee. All committees will need to look at their budget line items so a basic budget can be created. The next step is to determine how the stewardship drive will fit in. There will be a draft budget presented in November, with a final vote by the council in December, in order to present it to the congregation before the Annual Meeting.

Capital Appeal

Mr. Anderson is trying to get a list together of who has given to Capital Appeal 3 so thank you letters can be sent.

2016 Finances

July was great, but August was less great. We are currently tracking expenses the same as compared to last year. September has been awful so far, with people lagging behind their estimated giving.

Voucher

Mr. Anderson asked that Council members continue to fill out the voucher forms correctly.

Designated Fund

Can your committee charge things to a designated fund? How are we spending the money in designated funds?

Status

Personnel Manual

Before the next meeting, please review the Personnel Manual and be prepared to vote on it next month. Many people in the HR and legal fields have seen the draft. There will be issues in implementation as it gets started, but this is where we want to go.

Solar

Our application is at county. It may take 30-60 days for the process. Solar City updates Don every two weeks.

God's Work, Our Hands

A lot of people came to the cookout, but no one came in for the Ministry Fair. Looking ahead, the Fellowship Hall may be occupied with a blood drive, so the food will be inside and the Ministry Fair would be in the classrooms.

Council Meeting Format

- Is it important to have a meal? It's a fellowship activity, can we introduce Faith Five in the meal, appetizers instead of a meal; we will make final decisions next month; October will be a potluck
- Combining the Devotion and Liturgist roles so they are connected; it seems logical
- Rotating the Keeper of the Flame during the meeting so that all can deliberately be praying
- Intentionally stopping the meeting so that the Spiritual Guide can give input

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 with the Lord's Prayer.