

# Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

## Council Meeting – May 23, 2017

Present: Ernie Atkins, President	Excused: Jason Green
Pastor Charles Bang	Rita Foringer
Pastor Phyllis Milton	Todd Pfahl
Ann Myers,	Jenna Turner
Congregational Secretary	Guests: Rick Graves
Alison Phillips	Linda Robinson
Aaron Sutherland	Peggy Sipes
Garth Wallis	Paula Jones
Barry Zorumski	Andrea Cerone

Ernie welcomed the Council and guests at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Milton led devotions and prayer.

### Old Business

**Minutes:** Garth moved approval of the April minutes. The motion was seconded and carried.

**Financial Reports:** Rick presented the financial reports for April, noting a continuing trend in offering shortfalls. Attendance has been good, and staff has been diligent in keeping spending down. Rick suggested three possible solutions to recovery of the \$16K we are short for this fiscal year, which were discussed in much detail. Also discussed was operating funds giving versus debt reduction giving. **Garth moved approval of the April financial reports. The motion was seconded and carried.**

**The Mansion:** Pastor Bang reported Kenny is half done with wrapping the house, and will finish shortly, depending on weather.

**Two-Year-Old Room Conversion:** Linda reported the City's capacity permit was received today, and the last step is Social Services.

**Sunrise House Land Condemnation:** Rick and others met with attorneys in preparation for meeting with City officials in mid-May.

**Organist/Choirmaster Search:** Garth reported the committee met with Marie Bliss, and **he moved that Pastor Bang meet with Marie Bliss to offer her the position, in accordance with the music ministry committee's recommendation. The motion was seconded and carried.**

**Annual Congregational Meeting** is June 25, following the 9:30 a.m. service.

**Church Budget Considerations:** Discussions held on ideas toward meeting our upcoming budget needs, such as a special event for Synod Benevolence, education of the congregation of this important need, and a Christmas tree for Synod Benevolence. Three budget proposals will be presented to the congregation for consideration at the annual meeting.

## **New Business**

**Financial Audit:** Ernie proposed the FY 17-18 Audit be started in September or October and completed by the end of the calendar year. Garth agreed to lead this effort with the help of a CPA.

**School Enrollment 2017-2018:** Linda reported enrollment is about 2/3 done and looking good. Summer is a little low right now, but more expected.

## **Shepherds**

**Worship:** Ernie reported Jason has presented his Temple Talk, and it was very good. He thanked all the Council members who gave Temple Talks this past year.

**Christian Education and Youth:** Alison reported June 11 is last Sunday School until fall. VBS is June 25-29, and she asked the Council to help on Tuesday, June 27. Arrive by 4:45 – 5:00 p.m. to serve food, eat at 5:25 – 5:50, Pastor's Class is at 6:00 p.m., and Council will meet at 7:15 p.m. About 40 are registered so far for VBS; outdoor banners being displayed; decorating begins June 4; youth training event was held, and the youth are excited; she needs Craig and Kenny to cut cityscapes from plywood; and the tent will be used. Barry reported he has been meeting with the scouting programs.

**Community Fellowship:** Aaron reported the Pig Pickin' was a big success, with 215 attendees. Thank you notes are being sent to those who helped. He appreciated the Council presence at the event.

**Pastoral Comments:** Pastor Milton reported Chapel has been great this past year; Summer Adventures is coming up, as well as planning for fall. Pastor Bang announced the May 25 Confirmation rehearsal and party.

Ernie welcomed Andrea Cerone, incoming Congregational Secretary.

**Adjournment:** Garth moved adjournment at 8:25 p.m.; the motion was seconded and carried. Pastor Bang led closing prayer in our Circle of Friends.

**Next Meeting:** The next Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 27, 2017, 7:15 p.m., in the Luther Library, following assisting with VBS dinner.

*Ann Myers*

Congregational Secretary