

APPROVED

Gustavus Adolphus

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Congregational Council Meeting
July 30, 2019
Jake's City Grille, Maplewood 6pm

Present: Pastor John Hierlinger, Jason Wittenberg, Amy Lipetzky, Dan Bjorkquist, Carrie Fraser, Denise Hassenstab, Rick Howard

Absent: Pastor Amanda Simons, Brett Bowman, Dan Shogren

Call to order: President Jason Wittenberg called the meeting to order at 6:31pm.

Virtual Votes since the 06.25.19 Council Meeting: Motion to approve the June 25, 2019 minutes was made by Dan Shogren, seconded by Denise Hassenstab; **approval** by virtual vote with two abstentions due to absence and final **approval** on June 29, 2019.

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve agenda was made by Carrie Fraser, seconded by Rick Howard; unanimously approved.

Approval of Financials/Treasurer's Report: Brett Bowman was unable to attend the meeting. Pastor John shared the June 2019 Financial Report and said the budget is tracking well. There was a deficit of \$9,867.00, but this amount is about \$7,000.00 lower than the projected budget amount. The Stewardship Receipts were also tracking well. Pastor John also reported that the Building Fund balance was \$66,010.98. Another \$20,000.00 payment can be made toward the principal mortgage balance which would leave about \$24,000.00 in the Building Fund. A motion to approve the financial report and making the additional principal payment was made by Pastor John, seconded by Jason Wittenberg; unanimously approved.

Mortgage/Capital Campaign Update: Council members reviewed the draft of the 5% Faith Forward Distribution document that Pastor John created. There are five local organizations listed on it which address homelessness and/or food insecurity. During the month of August, congregation members will have the opportunity to vote for which organization should be given the funds. The funds will be distributed according to the number of votes each organization receives. Amy Lipetzky suggested sending ballots with the eucharistic ministers for their visits with members who would like to participate in the voting process. No action was needed on this agenda item.

Old Business:

1. Personnel Updates – Pastor John informed council members that he, Rick Howard, and Maggie Kidnie interviewed three candidates for the part-time custodian position. They recommended hiring Zack Osweiler for the job. Discussion followed. He will be training with both Jerry and Kevin. Zack will be working Wednesday nights in addition to

completing extra projects and provided coverage when the other custodians need time off. Denise Hassenstab moved to approve the hiring of Zack Osweiler, seconded by Amy Lipetzky; unanimously approved.

Pastor John provided the following written report regarding a change in his work

schedule: *Starting in September, I am going to be moving my day off from Mondays to Fridays 2-3 times a month. Fridays are my preferred day, but I have had Mondays off since I started at GA. Primarily because Jenny, my wife, had Fridays off so I took Mondays off so we didn't need to pay as much for daycare. Jenny has taken a new job and is now working on Fridays, so as far as our family schedule goes, it doesn't matter any longer if I am off on Mondays or Fridays. The other conflict is our Friday work crew. This group of volunteers is here weekly, and I think it is important for me to be here some of the time. Hence, my desire to work some Mondays and some Fridays. I am still sorting out how I want to schedule this, but I will make sure I share my monthly schedule with you and our staff.*

2. State Fair Parking – Pastor John provided the following written report: *Erik Hassenstab launched the sign-up for State Fair parking for 2019. Please sign up for a shift or two to help us out with this opportunity. In the past, we have worked with Arlington Hills who have taken one shift per day. We reached out to them again this year but never received a response. Our Redeemer had asked about working with us, so they are our partner this year. Instead of having them take one shift we are sharing our Sign-up Genius with them and they will sign up for shifts on that.*

New Business:

No new agenda items were discussed at this meeting.

Committee Reports were given.

Rick Howard gave a report on behalf of the Property Committee and Dan Bjorkquist gave a report on behalf of the Adult Education Committee.

Council Schedule for 2019: Council Schedule for 2019: Usually the 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm. 8/27, 9/24, 10/22, 11/26, (no Dec. meeting)

Motion to Adjourn: Jason Wittenberg moved to adjourn, seconded by Amy Lipetzky at 7:09pm.

Next Meeting: August 27, 2019 at 6:00 pm in the Peterson Library.

Submitted by Cathy Ronning, Council Secretary