

ST LUCAS UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
January 22, 2019

ATTENDEES: Debbie Ball, Rev. Eric Moeller, Cynthia Rosfeld, Don Lang, Gregg Heutel, Mike Bohn, Jill Meyer, Randy Jurgensen, Barb Beck and Bill Linnenbringer.

ABSENT: Bill Lowry and Russ Cottle.

Opening prayer by Pastor Eric.

Pat Stephens and Cheryl Wilcutt reported on the monthly Community Meal, which is a branch of the Loaves and Fishes Committee. They have had a lot of very positive feedback from their guests. The volunteer group prepares 20 to 40 extra servings each month which are given to an outreach program that feeds the homeless. They are serving about 40 guests each month, but have had as many as 60 to 65 people. It was suggested that if attendees (or anyone else) would like to contribute, we should accept their donation.

Steve Kienzler discussed a program that Mission and Outreach is working on. April 28 is called Faith in Action Sunday. We are going to have an abbreviated 9 AM service at church, then we will continue our worship by working on projects at church or off site at our mission partners. After the work projects are completed we will meet again at the church for a light lunch. There will be no 11 am service that day.

Donovan Larson represented the Social Justice Committee. They wanted to be sure their committee charter/mission statement had been received by council.

CONSENT AGENDA: The documents included in the Council Packet included
November and December meeting minutes
December 2018 financial report

There were no objections, Consent Agenda was adopted as presented

PASTOR REPORT:

Kelly reported on her last semester at Eden Seminary. She is carrying a full course load which includes 15 hours a week at the VA, and an Ordination paper due the end of this month. She feels she is on track to graduate in the middle of May. She is hoping to be able to move into the Sexton house in October at the latest.

Eric thanked the Council on behalf of the staff for their Christmas gifts.

Keith will return home and be at church this coming weekend.

John Gross will be out February 10 and likely the following Sunday. Seth will cover for him.

Seth and his wife are expecting a baby in June. He will have several weeks of Paternity leave.

Eric and Jorie are expecting a baby in July. He will get 6 weeks of Paternity leave.

Efforts continue to improve the 11 am service. There will be a meeting Tuesday, January 29 at 6 PM. Erik also reported that Don's talk with the Church staff regarding their thoughts to increase

attendance, increase donations and decrease expenses was well received by the staff. .

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Building and Grounds report on Cool, Safe and Dry. Year one is completed and 100% funded. Year two is now 100% funded and they have been told to start the job. Year 3 is funded and ready to go. Year 4 is 20% funded. At the November meeting it was reported that there is a significant leak in the preschool roof. It is unknown if this has been looked into or not.

An update on the lift will be moved to the next month.

A Special Events Committee has been formed and is already working on several projects. It is headed by Cami Taylor.

Bill Beidenstein reported that Rev. Doug Anders is willing to conduct a workshop on Church vitality. Bill hopes that Council will support this workshop.

Don Lang reported that Sunday offering continues to be below the budgeted amount. He has contacted most staff members about areas where costs can be cut and/or how to increase revenue. He also presented an idea of beginning March 3rd, Eric will conduct all 11 am services, with his own sermons'. He also suggested that Feb 24th be the last Sunday for the Raddicks. This will all be discussed at a meeting to be held Tuesday evening. Randy will be a Council representative at this meeting.

The members of the Intentional Interim Pastor search reviewed the reports on 3 candidates. Erik expressed his suggestion to look at Dr. Hodges again. Tyler will be asked to provide some more candidates for us to look at.

Eric stressed the importance of supporting our employees .

Kelly's call agreement draft was passed around. Because we did not have a copy for everyone, Bill is going to send out a copy of the draft and we will all contact him if we approve it or not.

Cynthia presented new member photos and bios to each of us. We hope to use these to get acquainted with our new members more easily and increase their feeling of being welcomed into our church family. These will be handed out to cabinet members as well as council.

On February 23, 2019 we will have a reception for Keith and Wanda in the Social Hall from 2 to 4 pm. Cynthia is preparing a photo as a gift.

Cynthia was re-appointed as a member of Council unanimously.

A motion was made by Randy Jurgensen, and seconded by Mike Bohn to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 PM. This was passed unanimously and as is St Lucas tradition, we closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted , Barb Beck, Secretary