

**ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**February 15, 2018 COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Pastor Tim Ness, President Justin Bainum, Vice President Edie Beaupre, Treasurer Marjorie Miller, Carol Cesari, Cheryl Baylor, Greg Whitton, Joanne Margetich, John Gediek, Mary Menear, Michele Giangiulio, Sandy Gilchrist, Tiffani Champion and Bonnie Tillman

Pastor Tim opened the meeting with prayer at 7:01 p.m.

Justin Bainum addressed the committee, welcoming the new and the returning members and had everyone introduce themselves for the benefit of the new council members.

**COMMITTEE / MINISTRY REPORTS:**

**PROPERTY:** Fran Cosentino presented the current issues regarding the property. The renewal contract for the grounds is due for renewal. The contract covers 4 treatments for the grass, 3 treatments for the bushes and two treatments for fleas and ticks. The work is performed by Henderson and they give us a two day notice prior to administering the treatment. The kids in school can be on the grass the day it's treated. The treatments cost \$162.00 per treatment.

Davey Tree Company will spray for caterpillars at a cost of \$155.00. They also indicated a limb is cracked and needs to be removed which would cost \$720.00. Fran will have somebody else come and take a look at it.

The signs requesting people pick up after their dogs have gone missing. One was found on the roof and one in the bushes. These cost us \$75.00 each and it's thought the signs may have been "removed" by people who use the grassy area for their dogs' recreational purpose.

Pipes have been added to the drain spouts to move water away from the foundation and seem to be keeping water out of the basement. The pipes may cause an issue with the lawn mowing.

An intercom system is being installed in the school by the ramp door on Friday 2/16 to provide better security for the children and teachers.

Once the weather clears up a bit, Glen will be repairing the roof by Pastors office.

Michelle Giangiulio made a motion to accept the property report as presented. Greg Whitton seconded it and the motion carried.

**KIDS CLOSET:** Joanne Margetich reported income for January was 435.00. They can always use and would welcome help. The shop is open on Tuesday from 10 to 12 and on Saturday from 10 to 2:00. If people can't assist the entire time, even an hour would be helpful.

Donations of household goods are needed. The possibility of a sign-up sheet for volunteers may be placed in the narthex.

**YOUTH:** The Youth Group had a meeting on 2/11 and only two people showed up so the youth leaders took them to lunch at Cocco's. Council held a discussion concerning the lack of participation. Council would like to know what the youth leader has planned for future meetings. Pastor will be conducting a poll to determine what the kids are interested in doing. This may help with the element of the unknown. It was suggested that an email go out on Tuesday, informing the kids and the parents regarding youth group activities. The idea of changing the dates and times (closer to the end of the last service, after school instead of on a weekend, etc.) was brought up. The creativity and motivation of the youth leader was also addressed. Is this something she is still interested in doing? Cheryl Baylor mentioned a youth group from the Life Christian Fellowship. Perhaps our group could merge or participate with a more successful group from another Church.

There is a Pasta Dinner scheduled for 2/24 to assist in raising funds for the 6 youth and 3 adults attending the conference in Houston. Tickets will be printed and available for sale on Sunday, a press release will be done and the sign will also announce the dinner. Past events held by and for the youth were also discussed. These included breakfasts served between services, car washes, mystery trips, sleep overs, movies, roller and ice skating.

Kitty Ippoliti donated \$500.00 towards the cost of the Houston trip. Marjorie has made a prayer shawl for her and a plate signed by the kids will be made and presented to Kitty in thanks of her continuing support to the youth group.

**STEWARDSHIP:** Nothing to report.

**WORSHIP / MUSIC:** Ash Wednesday service went well. Gifts of Praise will be performing on 2/25.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** They are having fun. The curriculum is easy to follow and the kids are enjoying it. They are collecting supplies for the military. A list of suggested items is posted in the Narthex. Items collected will be boxed and given to David Cesari, Carol's son, who will take them back to Afghanistan when he returns to his unit.

Greg Whitton made a motion to accept the committee reports as presented. This was seconded by Joanne Margetich and the motion carried.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** A copy of the treasurers' report is attached.

Marjorie presented a fund raising idea entitled a Non-Event Event. This is something she found out about while assisting another church with setting up tithing records. Michele Giangiulio

made a motion to give the Non-Event Event a try. This was seconded by Tiffani Champion. Motion accepted.

Bonnie Tillman motioned to accept the treasurers' report as presented and this was seconded by Cheryl Baylor. Motion accepted

**PASTOR'S REPORT:** A copy of Pastor's report is attached. Greg Whitton motioned to accept as presented, seconded by Cheryl Baylor, motion accepted.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Bingo – Marjorie is stepping down and Mary Menear will be taking over as the main organizer. Bingo is scheduled for 4/21. A sign-up sheet will be placed in the Narthex for volunteers. Justin Bainum will be the “caller”. Cheryl Baylor is canvassing for donations but requires assistance with a driver. Flyers will be given to other local churches announcing Bingo night and it was requested that our own parishioners support this and other fund raisers. There will be a press release and the big raffle prize will be \$500.00 CASH!

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny – will be held on 3/24. Pastor will check with Mary Ellen to see if she would be willing to be the bunny again – she did such a great job last year! Sandy would like more help at the crafts tables. To prevent the long lines of people standing on the stairs – the food tables will be set up at the back of the hall to reduce congestion. Raffle tickets for the bingo raffle prize will be available for sale.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Organ repairs – At the annual congregational meeting, Bill Lehman suggested we use some of the funds from the Mandery Estate to complete the repairs to the organ. This was addressed in the finance report presented by Marjorie. Edie will speak with Faith and also get an updated cost proposal for the work. It was decided these repairs will not be taken from the Thrivent account but will be completed using a special fund.

Congregational Gatherings – We discussed several options to provide fellowship outside of the normal service times. These included ball games (Phillies and Blue Rocks) picnics, the movie “I can only imagine”, Hunterton Hills dinner and play, trip to Lancaster, Painting with a twist, Go Ape, Escape the Room – just to name a few

Treasurers Attendance – Marjorie addressed council with some concerns she has regarding her attendance at meetings. Since the treasurer is not a council member and has no voting rights, she wanted to know if the current council wants her to provide the treasurers report as the first item on the agenda and then leave or if she should stay for the entire meeting. Marjorie expressed her concerns and then left so council could debate this issue. There was no debate. All members of the congregation are allowed to attend any council meeting. Marjorie is a

wealth of knowledge and does not express her thoughts or opinions to the council unless a question is asked of her. Marjorie's presence is welcome for as long as she wants to be there.

A motion to adjourn was presented by Bonnie Tillman, seconded by Greg Whitton. Motion carried. The next council meeting is scheduled for 3/15 at 7:00.

This meeting closed with the Lords' Prayer at 9:00

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Tillman  
Council Secretary

Joanne Margetich motioned for minutes to be approved with a change to the number of kids going to Houston from 7 to 6.

Greg Whitton seconded the motion

Minutes approved as presented with change.