

**ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH  
SEPTEMBER 21, 2017 COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Pastor Tim Ness, Council President Steve Talley, Vice-President Fran Cosentino, Treasurer Marjorie Miller, Council members, Joanne Margetich, Sandy Gilchrist, Cheryl Baylor, Deb Naddeo, Greg Whitton, Justin Bainum, Michelle Giangulio, Carol Cesari and Bonnie Tillman

Pastor Tim opened the meeting with prayer at 7:05 p.m.

President Steve Talley welcomed our new Council Member – Carol Cesari

**COMMITTEE / MINISTRY REPORTS:**

**PROPERTY:** Fran reported all the bushes were trimmed. He is obtaining pricing on having 2 huge bushes removed from the front of the church and some dead trees on the driveway by the garage. Heaters have all been cleaned. He did not have oil delivered. There are 3 people / teams that he is waiting for responses on regarding the assembly and installation of the playground equipment.

**KIDS CLOSET:** Joanne Margetich reported income for June was \$502 – July was \$654 and August was \$219

**YOUTH:** There were no youth activities during the month of September

**STEWARDSHIP:** A program titled Because of Gods Great Grace will be used as a continuation of the program used in the last two years – more information to follow. A meeting is scheduled for the early part of October to discuss and finalize plans for “Pledge Day.” There will be one service that day with a luncheon hosted by Kathy and Fran Cosentino. Fran feels the program and luncheon should be kept a SURPRISE as attendance is usually lighter than usual when the subject is stewardship. However, if you advertise free food – attendance may increase! Would like more members for the Stewardship Committee. Next meeting is October 10th

**WORSHIP / MUSIC:** Received a phone call from the Drexel Hill Middle School Choir regarding the possibility of them performing for us during a service. Attempting to establish a date that works for all.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Sandy reports rally day went really well. Nineteen children were registered – many of them Pre-K (which could be a plus for the school) and several new families (which could be a plus for the church). Cheryl Ferry was a big help. We are short on teachers. We have Justin, Michelle M, Michelle G and Avie. Is there an age group the youth group could maybe assist with? Kenny Gray and Emma might be willing to assist. May advance some of the

youth to the next higher age group as we're not sure the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades are being challenged in the lessons.

A motion to approve the Committee / Ministry Reports as presented was made by Greg Whitton and seconded by Justin Bainum.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** A copy of the treasurers' report is attached. Marjorie said that the church, unlike the school, does not have any employment policies. Therefore, there is no policy to permit our Parish Administrator to receive pay for her unused PTO (she is entitled to 50 hours per year and 17 hours apportioned for 2016. We will pay Cheryl the PTO earned but not used from last year (\$61.20) and wait and see how many hours are left at the end of this year. Cheryl has not used any PTO since she was hired. Marjorie was approached by Pastor Chris from Advent Lutheran in West Chester in the hope that she would be willing to assisting them in setting up an automated system, similar to the one we use, for the tellers. Marjorie is willing and able to assist but wanted to make Council aware of her involvement in case somebody has an issue with her assisting. Council has no issues with her assisting them!

A motion to approve the Treasurers Report as submitted was made by Justin Bainum and seconded by Cheryl Baylor.

**PASTOR'S REPORT:** A copy of Pastor's report is attached.

A motion was made by Greg Whitton and seconded by Deb Naddeo to accept the report as presented.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Ronald McDonald House – dinner on 9/10 went well. Those in residence seemed to enjoy it. There was hardly any of the chicken / sausage left over and only a little of the beef. We will possibly look to do this again during the first quarter of next year.

Community Fun Day – scheduled for 10/7. A flyer has been made (copy attached) and will be sent out announcing the activities. The lawn sign has also been updated. Swiss Farms has contacted us regarding having a table and are willing to donate drinks. There is also a baked goods vendor interested in setting up a table for sales. Need to push for helpers!

Bingo – scheduled for 11/4. \$15.00 to get in. This price includes 10 games, and 1 free raffle ticket. Will again request donations for baskets (alcohol and lottery tickets seem to have the most chances). Child care will be available. \$500.00 grand prize raffle ticket approved

Trunk or Treat – People would decorate the trunks of their cars and hand out candy from the parking lot. The school is willing to provide some candy. Will be held Friday, 10/27 at 6:00 p.m

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Legal Name of St Mark – Council discussed the pros and cons of the name issue and whether to complete and submit the form and pay the \$70.00 filing fee for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to adjust their website to show us as St. Mark’s Temple Lutheran Church. Doing this will enable the church to establish other banking accounts as needed. Joanne Margetich made a motion to approve “adjusting” the name and this was seconded by Deb Naddeo.

Heating and Siding – It was brought to our attention that squirrels have damaged part of the siding and soffit at the church. The porch roof on the rental property also needs work. Fran obtained estimates from two vendors (copies attached). After reviewing both estimates Bonnie Tillman made a motion to award the work to Impriano Roofing & Siding. The motion was seconded by Sandy Gilchrist and the motion carried.

When the heaters were serviced, it was recommended that one of the units be replaced and a new chimney liner installed. Fran obtained estimates from three vendors. (Copies attached) After much discussion, Greg Whitton made a motion to accept the bid from Joseph R. Artmont and allow him to replace the heater. This motion was seconded by Deb Naddeo.

A motion was made by Justin Bainum and seconded by Cheryl Baylor to award the work of replacing the chimney liner to Dave Artmont.

Additional work is needed to install fresh air make up’s in the mechanical room. This will enable the heating units to work more efficiently and will also prevent pipes from freezing. Deb Naddeo made a motion to award this portion of the work to Wm. Henderson. This was seconded by Cheryl Baylor and the motion carried.

The cost for all the work listed above pertaining to heating and siding is estimated to cost approximately \$9000.00.

Newsletter – Because the newsletter that is included with the monthly envelopes needs to be submitted so far in advance, information is not always accurate or up-to-date. There are several options that have been suggested by Marjorie. Marjorie’s proposals were adopted by council.

Delaware Conference – is being held this year at St. Matthews in Springfield on October 16<sup>th</sup>. Pastor and Deb Naddeo will attend. A new Dean will be elected (this position is the middle administrator before the Bishop becomes involved)

Reformation 500 – a service celebrating the 500<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Reformation will be held on Sunday. 10/29, at 3:00 p.m. at St. Matthews in Springfield.

George Bustard from the Pastoral Counseling Center in Springfield is retiring. Donations to a scholarship program in his name are requested. Bonnie Tillman made a motion to donate \$200.00. Cheryl Baylor seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dog Walkers – Greg Whitton brought up the issue of doggie doody. Apparently the signs requesting people pick up after their dogs is working. However, the bags are being deposited in the dumpster and causing other issues. The signs will be amended to read – please take deposits with you!

Landscaping – Greg Whitton will obtain estimates to revitalize the scatter garden. This will not involve disturbing / relocating any ashes already interred but replacing the stones in the cross and possibly planting flowers on the outside of the cross structure instead of inside where the cremains are placed.

Gift Cards – A monthly amount of \$100.00 in gift cards (\$25.00 per person) may be “donated” to individuals who come for food. Will put out to the congregation the idea of buying a card and giving it back.

A motion to adjourn was made by Greg Whitton and seconded by Sandy Gilchrist.

The meeting ended at 9:10 with the Lord’s Prayer.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 19th at 7:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Tillman  
Council Secretary

A motion was made to accept the minutes by Joanne Margetich. This was seconded by Greg Whitton. Minutes approved as submitted