

Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
Moorhead, MN  
Council Minutes  
March 21, 2017

**Present:** Richard Rix, Cathi Chial, Clint Fallgatter, Kathe Eldred, Todd Sax, Dan Bentley, Pete Kim, Connie Jarrett, Alayna Fjelstad

**Absent:** DeAnn Smith

**Staff:** Pr. Loren Mellum

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. Pr. Loren led devotion and prayer.
2. Pr. Clay Ellingson, a member of the Pathways board, visited to share information on Pathways Camp and to thank us for our continued support.
3. **Agenda:** The agenda was reviewed; Connie Jarrett made a motion to approve. Dan Bentley seconded. **Motion passed.**
4. **Treasurer's Report:** The treasurer's report was reviewed. Connie Jarrett made a motion to approve the report. Richard Rix seconded. **Motion passed.**
5. **Secretary's Report:** The secretary's report was reviewed. Alayna Fjelstad's name is missing from those present. Kathe Eldred made motion to approve with change mentioned. Dan Bentley seconded. **Motion passed.**
6. **Team Reports:**

**Altar Guild:** Connie Jarret reported that the Altar Guild has donated the funds for the eternity candle and will do so from now on.
7. **Pastor's Report:**
  - a. Usher team held their yearly meeting.
  - b. Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday Cantata and brunch. The Triduum follows; Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services at 2 pm and 6:30 pm. Easter Sunday services are at 8:30 and 10:30 am.
  - c. Maintenance on the building has been low. The Coca-Cola machine is awaiting service and we must purchase product from Coke now. Boy's urinal was repaired downstairs. Bathroom faucets are the next update, along with continued LED light replacement.
  - d. The 2017 budget has higher expenses and the congregation's giving is lower. A possible remedy is staff reduction.
  - e. Just for Kix director has decided that all parents should wait for their child in the youth room.
  - f. We have had a high number of funerals.
  - g. The new tables were purchased. A staff recommendation that old one be sol this spring or donated to Restore was mentioned. We will save some long tables for the shed to loan out for graduation parties, etc.
  - h. The Lenten adult forum has about 20 people per week participating.
  - i. Irene Olson died and remembered Our Savior's in her estate planning.
8. **Old Business:**
  - a. Phone system bids were reviewed. It was suggested to check with Chad Invie before purchasing. Motion to accept the Altel bid per Chad's okay was made by Kathe Eldred. Connie Jarret seconded. **Motion passed.**

- b. Faithconnect is the website host chosen. Pr. Loren will send a motion to approve via email or phone.

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- c. Marcy has asked for \$20,000 to be taken from the estate money we received. She is asking for \$10,000 for the line of credit pay down and \$10,000 for where needed. *Connie Jarret made a motion to approve \$20,000 be given with \$10,000 to line of credit and \$10,000 to where needed. Discussion followed on the motion. A new motion was then presented. Todd Sax made a motion to approve \$10,000 be used for the operating fund. Pete Kim seconded.*

**Motion passed.**

- d. Matching Fund challenge was discussed. Kathe Eldred, Cathi Chial, and DeAnn Smith will work to create a campaign and visuals.

**9. New Business**

- a. Irene Olson died and remembered Our Savior's in her estate. It will take time for the estate to be distributed. The estate money is probably substantial enough to have Council appoint a small team of people to manage the funds we are given.
- b. The round tables and dolly have arrived and are paid. Connie Jarrett made a motion to sell the old rectangle and round tables for \$10 each. Dan Bentley seconded. **Motion passed.** A "for sale" notice will be in the PV and the following weekend's bulletins. Some tables will be saved and stored in the outside shed for loaners to members for graduation parties, etc.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn was made by Kathe Eldred and seconded by Cathi Chial. The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

**Next meeting is April 18, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.**