

Church Council Minutes

Tuesday, February 12, 2018 - 6:30 pm

Meeting Location:	OSLC	

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1. The meeting was called to order by President Rod Custer at 6:30 PM. Members present were Pastor Stephan Sandness, Laura Campbell, Rod Custer, Cindy Koppinger, Deb Kimbell, Kari Webb, Dawn Wood, Dillon Haug, Gary Dettman, and Jim Van't Land.
2. Pastor Stephan opened the meeting with a devotion from Jeremiah 17:5-10 that contrasted putting our faith in humanity versus putting our faith in God. He led a discussion on what that might mean for our congregation and then led in prayer.
3. Each Council member shared "What's On Top" in their lives.
4. The agenda was approved with a motion by Cindy Koppinger and a second by Dillon Haug. The motion carried.
5. January Council Meeting Minutes were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Gary Dettman and a second by Deb Kimbell. The motion carried.
6. Pastor Stephan shared the January Treasurer's report, noting that expenses exceeded giving by approximately \$7100 for the month (and year-to-date), but also noting that this is not unusual for January. The Treasurer's report was approved with a motion by Jim Van't Land and a second by Cindy Koppinger. The motion carried.
7. Staff Reports
 - a. Laura Campbell – has been working with Faith and Care members and Friendship members, and noted that they will be lifted up in a prayer at a Sunday service as they minister to the congregation. Also planning a Bible Study during Lent. Laura has been organizing groups for serving Wednesday meals, and she asked if Council would host the April 10 meal, which Council agreed to do.
 - b. Pastor Stephan – shared his plans for Lent that will include interaction with 4 other ELCA area churches by setting up a rotating preacher schedule for Wednesday nights. Pastor Stephan is also working to re-vitalize the Worship Committee, and shared some highlights from a book called "The Art of Gathering" by Priya Parker.

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8. Committee Updates

- a. Communication – Pastor Stephan noted that the developer has completed 90+% of the new website. Functionality appears to work, but now the content needs to be reviewed, amended and finalized.
- b. Education – Deb Kimbell reported that the Education Committee had to postpone their meeting due to weather, but educational opportunities continue to function well.
- c. Mission Team – Cindy Koppinger shared that the Team will not be meeting until March.
- d. Worship Committee – Rod Custer noted that the new software (Media Shout) for the worship projection has been installed and seems to be working well.
- e. Campus Ministry – Pastor Stephan shared that there is work underway to combine the corporations at BHSU and School of Mines into a single organization to simplify the support and the management of campus ministries in the Black Hills.
- f. Properties – Rod Custer introduced the idea of putting together a list of “big ticket” items within the building or on the grounds that will require replacement or upgrading in the next few years.
- g. Senior Ministry – Laura shared that they are planning a pizza and bingo event later this month.

9. Dawn Wood shared a devotion that highlighted how church can be hard for many people for many reasons, because it is a body of sinners. But we are sinners, saved by grace, and that makes it a family sharing hope and a reminder that God walks with each of us every day.

10. The meeting was adjourned with a motion by Cindy Koppinger and a second by Deb Kimbell. Motion approved, and meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Van't Land

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