

**Messiah Lutheran Church Council Minutes March 16, 2017** (Minutes to be reviewed at the 4/20/17 meeting)

*Present:*, Alan Melrose, Charlie Thomas, Barry Brenan, Charlie Radabaugh, Christie Gillette, Jonathon Kniss, Sheilia McLaughlin

*Staff:* Kelly Mullin, Eric Wooldridge, Chuck Harris, Traci Vatne

*Excused:* Joe Hamell, Anne Banauch, Cathy Hawkins, Alex Hawkins

**Gathering Time:** Meeting was called to order at 6:34 pm Jonathan Kniss

Devotion by Kelly Mullin

Thank you for snacks Kelly Mullin

**Adoption of Agenda:**

Change the date of the Approval of Minutes from December 15, 2016 to February 16, 2017.

Motion to accept the agenda as amended

Motion: Alan Melrose

Second: Charlie Thomas

Motion carries

**Accept of Minutes:**

Motion to accept the minutes as presented

Motion: Barry Brenan

Second: Charlie Radabaugh

**Reflection on Mission, Vision, and Core Values**

- **Messiah's Response to Immigration Issues: Ruthanne Henderson –**
  - Proposal:
    - Make the ELCA social statement concerning immigrants and refugees and recent statements by bishops and pastor's public and understood by the congregation at large.
    - Create and publish specific, clear statements that leaders and other members can sign and adhere to standing with and walking alongside immigrants and refugees in our community.
    - Visibly support groups in our community who are targets of hate crimes and hate speech.
    - Inform the Messiah community about the reasons people in the Auburn area are coming as immigrants and refugees.
    - Join the ELCA, World Vision, World Relief, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services, Bread for the World, and Lutheran World Relief in declaring June 25 a National Refugee Sunday and Participate in it in a meaningful and substantial way.
- **Moving the Mission Portfolio forward: Jonathan Kniss**
  - **Identification of task force members 2.0** – Send Chuck some names, Chuck is going to put together some descriptors. Look to fill it for the next week or two

**Implement Our Mission & Ministry**

- **Designation of Lenten Offerings for GWOH.**

Motion: Sheilia McLaughlin

Second: Eric Wooldridge

Motion carries

**Accountability:**

- **For the Good of Messiah:**

Eric – Lutheran video on 3/26 2 kegs need taps

Charlie R/Barry– somebody is still coming for church but hasn't been welcomed.

Kelli – May 7<sup>th</sup> Mission Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> graders are taking the lead on God's Work our Hands

Christie – Maundy Thursday Last Supper drama

Charlie T – Ash Wednesday was beautiful

Traci – youth meeting 4/30 -talent show, chili cook-off 5pm

- **President's Report** – Thank you to everybody. This isn't drudgery, we are serving.
  - Mission portfolio - this has to be the council priority
  - Constitution – our job to uphold the constitution. Alan Volunteered to be on the constitution committee
  - Covenant of Presence.
  - Retreat – mid year on a Saturday possibly a Friday night too

- **Treasurer's Report:**

Motion Approve as written

Motion: Christi Gilette

Second: Lori Revely

Motion carries

**Sending:****Review of Assignments and Tasks**

1. **Endowment fund ideas**
2. **Names to Chuck**
3. **Agenda item for April meeting for Immigration issues.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm

Motion: Barry Brenen

Second: Charlie Radabaugh

Motion Carries

Respectfully submitted,

Council Secretary  
Sheilia McLaughlin