

Messiah Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

August 17, 2017

Present: Alex Littlefield, Alan Melrose, Charlie Radabaugh, Sheilia McLaughlin, Jonathan Kniss, Joe Hamell, Barry Brenan, Anne Baunach, Cathy Hawkins, Lori Revely

Staff: Pastor Chuck Harris, Pastor Eric Wooldridge

Excused: **Charlie Thomas, Christie Gillette**

Gathering Time

- **Call to Order & Introductions:** President Jonathan Kniss called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.
- **Opening Devotion & Prayer:** Jonathan shared a devotion and led the group in prayer.
- **Adoption of Agenda:** Motion to adopt the agenda as presented. **Banuach/Hawkins. Motion passes**
- **Acceptance of Minutes:** Motion to adopt the minutes as written. **Baunach/Hawkins. Motion passes**
- **Correspondence** – no correspondence

Reflection on Mission, Vision & Core Values

- **Continuing Partnership with the Auburn School District** – Motion that we offer the ASD the cost concept as presented to the council and move forward to signing of the lease. Please see Pastor Chuck's attachment for more information. **Harris/Revely motion passes 1 abstention**

Implement Our Mission & Ministry

- **Mitch Fritschle Audit Committee Election** – Motion to accept Mitch as the 3rd member of the audit committee **Hawkins/Banauch**

Snacks

The group enjoyed snacks provided by Sheilia McLaughlin

Accountability

- **For the Good of Messiah:**
 - Chuck – Prayers for Irene Gordan on surgery for a broken hip
 - Eric – staff would like to let people know to put prayers requests on the Facebook page. Staff is checking those before staff prayers
 - Lori – Missy is doing amazing breathing tube out, and walked yesterday.
 - Sheilia – New sign looks amazing
- **Council Retreat at Dumas Bay** – 9/15-9/16 overnight final cost to be sent once we receive a head count. Theme productive and fun. To benefit the church and the people we serve.
- **Pastor Chuck Report:** Janeen will be leaving at the end of the month, she has taken a position at Bethany Lutheran in Spanaway. Mary Berglund will be training with Janeen and taking over the position until January and then she will train a new part time person.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Giving was a little soft in May, and came up, not quite to pledged for June and July but the staff has done a very good job and spending has been way down. Light on the congregational challenge. Another update to the congregational and the congregational challenge. Finance team is very interested in seeing the incoming new leases. Motion to accept the May, June, and July treasurer's report as presented. Melrose/Brenan

Sending

- **Review of Assignment and Tasks:**
 - Chuck to present our final proposal to the ASD and move forward with signing the lease.
 - Mitch Fritschle approved as 3rd member of the Audit Committee
 - Chuck to have lease template legally reviewed before the ASD and 7th Day Adventists sign leases and before New Covenant renews their lease.
- **Adjournment:**
 - Motion: Adjourn the meeting at 7:57pm **Banauch/Littlefield Motion passed.**
 - **Lord's Prayer**

Respectfully submitted,
Sheilia McLaughlin
Council Secretary