

## **Creator Lutheran Church Council Minutes**

November 15, 2016

President Elect Gene Kneeland called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

### **Council members present:**

President Elect Gene Kneeland, Secretary Tammy Funk, Director of Operations Elect Joanne Hall, Treasurer Laurie Bruckbauer, Treasurer Elect Sheri Dunn, and Pastor Heidi Calhoun.

Excused: President Ron Noborikawa, Michelle Ketter, Director of Operations Rich Heineman

Laurie shared her faith story and devotion. Devotion included a poem about God's grace being greater than the difficulties of life. Laurie led the council in prayer.

### **The council minutes:**

Approval of Council Minutes for October 18 as corrected was moved, seconded and approved (MSP).

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes for Preschool Bylaw Discussion is postponed until December. Minutes for the Congregational Budget meeting need to be reconstructed.

### **Pastor's Report:**

- Forethought regarding future staffing forecast including ways to cover some of Chris Griggs' responsibilities and effective use of Doug's time with the completion of some of Doug's projects.
- John Coleman's memorial gift of new baptismal font – Marc Gouldsrud artist who created our window has provided a rendering. Council MSP to authorized to purchase of new baptismal font to be paid for with designated funds provided by John Coleman's memorial, Joan and the Suznavich family.
- Creator to welcome five Iraqi refugees – a Mother and four daughters who are supported by Lutheran Community Services.
- Thanksgiving service offering will be used to help this family purchase items needed to furnish their apartment as approved by council by MSP.

### **Treasurer Report:**

Giving was up for October and so was the general fund balance.

Council discussed details of the report and MSP to accept the financial report as presented

### **Old Business**

Preschool Update

- Transitional board meeting is planned for Nov 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Laurie will include updates in the Preschool Bylaws and include the addendum outlining current employment situation and transition plan.

Pledge campaign

- 50 pledges were made demonstrating a 20% increase from last year.

## **New Business**

Advent Adventure: - Foundation fund team offered to put forth \$250 per each of the three advent weeks with the challenge to the congregation council authorize matching \$250 from benevolence funds.

Council MSP plan to request Church and Society to designate \$300 (\$100 per week) to Advent Adventure mission as a response to the challenge from the foundation fund.

Foundation Fund reminds council of its gift of \$500 to evangelism and outreach for advent services promotion.

A response will be drafted to the foundation thanking them for their generosity in monetary support and encouragement toward Creator's mission goals.

Next council meeting scheduled for December 13 at 6:30

## **Closing Prayer / Meeting Adjourn**

Laurie led the council in a closing prayer.

Council MSP to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Tammy Funk

Council Secretary

Council Highlights:

Pledge campaign concludes with an increase of pledges by 20% over last year.

Council Thanks Foundation Fund team for their generosity in monetary support and encouragement toward Creator's mission goals.

Preschool Transitional board meeting is planned for Nov 30<sup>th</sup>.

Thanksgiving service offering to be used to support refugee family from Iraq.

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