



Council Meeting – Tuesday March 21, 2017 6:30PM

Present: Rich Heineman, Joanne Hall, Michelle Ketter, Pastor Heidi, Ron Noborikawa, Laurie Bruckbauer

Absent: Sheri Dunn, Gene Kneeland and Tammy Funk

Ron opened the meeting at 6:35pm

Devotion – Michelle – “Faith Journey – that of confusion”

Approval of February’s minutes - Pastor sent an amendment to Tammy regarding the inter-denomination collaboration– make sure the permanent update is made before they are sent to the office. The motion was to approve the February minutes with this change.

The motion was MSP

Pastors Report

- Annual meeting – Pastor Heidi presented some different ways that we can present at the annual meeting in January. The suggestion was made to incorporate the parts of the annual congregational meeting into the worship service (possibly only have 1 service and make it a little longer). We looked at a bulletin from Bethany Presbyterian Church as an example. The general consensus was favorable.
- Jack Fortin – we have the opportunity to have Jack come talk to us about discernment. Jack has strong theological/ELCA training. Friday/Saturday key note speaker. Friday would include the community and Saturday would be more internal focused. Pastor has booked this for Friday June 9th-11th. The cost of this will be supported by the pastoral discretion fund. Pastor Heidi has asked that Council read his book and be ready to discuss during our devotional time in both the April and May meeting. For April 18th Council meeting – be prepared to read chapters 1-3. For May 23rd – be prepared to reach chapters 4 and 5. Pastor distributed the books to the team.
- Reminder: Terri’s Sabbatical – May 15 to July 15.
- Question was asked: “Do we have any rules about putting plaques on memorials?” The consensus was that there are no rules preventing it. Janice Suznevich was inquiring about possibly putting a plaque on the new baptismal font and Pastor will work with the family to see how/if this can be accomplished.
- Local faith leaders – Pastor is part of this group that is made up of leaders that represent inter faith leadership with a lot of diversity. It is a group that can be responsive within the faith community should an emergency happen. 50 people showed up and were mostly made up of clergy.

Treasurers Report

- Giving was higher in February 2017 compared to 2016 but general fund is down.
- The balance on the general fund is \$13,900.
- A portion of the health care credit (\$668) was received in February. The remainder (\$1092) was retained to cover the penalty associated with the incorrect submission of W2's in 2013.
- The audit is underway. The audit should be completed by March 31st.
- MSP to approve treasurers report

Old Business

- Baptismal font – It will be dedicated April 30th.
- Update from elect team on March 2nd team meeting.

New Business

- Our May council meeting will be on May 23rd
- Staffing update
 - Beth gave her two week notice. Beth is very sad to leave us but had an opportunity at full time work with benefits. She will be missed tremendously and the staff plans to take her out to say goodbye.
 - Pastor Heidi is working with Phil at Mountain View to explore some other options to fill the gap. Pastor is still digesting the options.
 - We talked about some short term gap fills.
- Reminder – Council is hosting a taco bar for the confirmation class May 6th 6:00PM

Ron closed in prayer

MSP to adjourn meeting

Highlights

- Pastor Heidi is participating in a group of interfaith religious leaders who are working on educational events and emergency responses should anything happen to any of our faith communities given the cultural climate and to provide opportunities for interreligious dialog and communication.
- Our NEW Baptismal font will be dedicated April 30th 2017
- Giving was higher in February 2017 compared to 2016
- The audit should be completed by March 31, 2017
- Jack Fortin will be at Creator on June 9th-11th to talk discernment.