



## Council Meeting Minutes–8/21/18

### Attendees:

Council: Monty Euston, Mike Rutkosky, Paula Eismann, Tammy Funk, Janice Pendergast, Deborah Anderson, Robb Winchell (Quorum established)

Absent: Laurie Bruckbauer

Call to Order: 6:40 pm

Mike Rutkosky gave the devotions

Mike presented the Financial report from the Finance Committee. He shared the profit and loss chart which indicated we were getting close to not making payroll. Mike recommended we approve the Treasurer Report. **MSP**

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Mike shared a proposal from the Foundation Fund Committee that would refinance the mortgage which would assist in meeting financial obligations and he gave us details of the proposal. Recommendation: The Creator Lutheran Council recommends that the congregation approve of the mortgage refinance plan as proposed by the Foundation Team on August 15, 2018 along with conditions and terms as stipulated by the Foundation Board. **MSP**. This plan will be presented at the Congregational meeting being held on September 30. Mike noted the Stewardship appeal letter was sent out August 17 and the past Sunday's donation showed an increase.

Mike presented the church budget for 2018-19 which included the impact of which transitional pastor candidate we choose due to the differences of the two in years of experience and salary. After much discussion regarding the reductions in budget necessary to hire an interim pastor, the following motion was passed: The Creator Lutheran Church Council recommends the adoption of the 2018-19 Annual Budget as prepared and presented by the Finance Committee. **MSP**. Pastor Nina Body was voted in unanimously as interim pastor.

Transition and Call process: The after-service coffee hours were well attended to hear the explanation of the call process. Council members received names of candidates for the transition committee. They will be contacted by **Deborah Anderson**, Manager of Communications, and given an explanation of duties to clarify their willingness to serve. Selection will take place at the September council meeting.

At the Congregation meeting on September 30, after second service, the congregation will be asked to pass the following: Ratification of the Creator Constitution and Bylaws, amended by the congregation on June 3, 2018; Approval of the mortgage refinance plan as proposed by the Foundation Team on August 15, 2018; Adoption of the 2018-2019 Annual budget as prepared by the Finance Team.

Since notification of congregational meetings cannot take place by electronic means alone (i.e. emails) we are therefore required to notify the congregation by mail. When we use the mail option we then can use electronic options as well. Therefore, we recommend the notification time line as follows:

- mail notification to the congregation with the option to obtain hard copy of documents **by August 30 (in the mail by August 28).**
- Electronic notification provided in "Creator Weekly" (special edition) with an attachment containing the electronic documents **by August 30.**
- Church service announcements on **September 16 and 23** during each service.
- Bulletin inserts announcing the Congregational Meeting **September 2,9,16, 23, 30**
- Congregation study sessions for questions and comments on **September 16 and 23, between services.**

Mike and Michela Hammond will organize the notification process.

**Manager of Communication.** Deborah continues to attend staff meetings. As co-chair of the Creator Cares team, she shared that the team continues to contact those in need. Pastor Elaine gave a Communion Training to members.

August 26 Bishop Jaech will install ALYVE officers and at 10:45 present a Conflict Resolution Seminar. On September 13 a second presentation occurs, potluck at 6 pm, meeting beginning at 7 pm. Child care is provided

\_\_\_\_\_ **end of Paula's minutes**

The council minutes for June were approved with corrections.MSP

The council minutes for July were approved. MSP

Stewardship Letters plan to be sent on 9/21

Transition and Call Process meeting had good attendance. The 7-member transition team will be approved by the council, and the 9-member call committee will be chosen by a vote of the congregation. The transition team does not take effect until transition pastor is in place.

Proposal to elect the transition team was made.

Discussion: Delay vote until the transition team nominees are contacted to notify the individuals of the requirements in serving.

Proposal Deferred. Council will vote on team in September.

Manager of Communications reported that Michela submitted a letter requesting support for a backpack program. Council reviewed the proposal and discussed. Council declines the proposal, and recommends Deborah communicate back to Michela appreciation and recommend that future projects be coordinated with appropriate mission team.

Creator Cares team reports 4 visitations made. Ongoing prayers will be followed up.

Another Girl Scout troop has requested meeting times at the church to occur every other Friday. This will be considered.

Tammy closed in Prayer

Meeting adjourned 9:50 pm

Respectfully Submitted:

Robb Winchell

Secretary  
Paula Eismann  
Secretary-Elect