

We are seeking to be an inclusive, multi-generational congregation living in the grace of God and providing a sanctuary that equips us for service in the community while bringing the good news to all.

Council Roster: Tony Tanke (2018), Debbie Kennedy (2018), Marvie Paulson (2018), Jo Ann Anderson (2019), Jeff de Ropp (2020), Carol Huegli (2020), Dave Kukis (2020), Pr. Dan Smith
Absent: Mick Finn (2019), Emily Rustad (2019)
Visitors: Christine Bruhn, Ed Green, Ellen Kolarik, and Kristin Heinemeier

Devotions and Prayer

Jo Ann Anderson led the Council in opening prayer.

Approval of April Minutes

The October 10, 2017 minutes were approved as presented.

Financial Report (Debbie Kennedy)

- Operating cash on hand as of October 31, 2017 was a deficit of \$6,275.86. (See Debbie's written report .)
- We may want to do a communication to the congregation in early December stating where we are with the budget. If you are looking at year-end gifts, it's always good to give to the operating (general) fund.
- November 26 after second service will be our second congregational budget meeting.
- December 3, 9:30 a.m. will be our congregational meeting.

Pastor's Report (Pr. Dan Smith)

Pastor Dan reported on every member pastoral visitation, ministry planning meeting, upcoming clergy statement regarding comments made at the Islamic Center this summer, and other topics. Worship and Music has decided to have one morning worship on Sunday, December 24, 9:30 a.m. and Sunday, December 31, 9:30 a.m. Christmas Eve services on Sunday, December 24, will be 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving week office hours will be Monday and Tuesday, 6:30 to 9:30 a.m., closed Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. There will be a Thanksgiving community worship and pie pot luck at Congregation Bet Haverim on Monday, November 20, 7:00 p.m. All are welcome! Mick Finn is recovering from surgery and Carol Franti is recovering from a stroke at URC. (See attached report.)

Committee, Task Force, and President's Reports

The President's Report consisted of Tony's comments regarding agenda items as presented.

Discussion Items

- Council briefly discussed a revised proposed resolution disapproving hate speech and supporting the Jewish Community. Tony stated the Muslim Davis property is held by a Muslim trust. The imam was trained in Al-Azhar University in Cairo, Egypt, as a fundamentalist Wahhabi. Most of the students the imam serves are from Saudi Arabia. Pr. Dan stated it is worthwhile to publish a letter regarding the imam's statements. Tony stated we have to contain evil when it occurs. The resolution will be presented for a vote at the next meeting. (See attached.)

- The Council may have a special Council meeting to address the proposed resolution disapproving hate speech and the revised proposed resolution governing LCI's association with outside organizations (attached).
- Presentation of Results of 2017 Congregational Survey (Chris Bruhn): Chris reported 66 completed surveys were received. The congregation felt that greatest progress made was in building lay leadership. The weakest area was building a strong youth program. People felt strongly that there are additional needs that need to be met with the youth. Ed stated we need to give attention to the needs of families with children. (See attached report for all congregational comments.) Tony and Pr. Dan will set some goals relating to this survey. Pr. Dan stated spiritual renewal is a part of it.

Action Items

- Motion made, seconded and carried (MSC) to have Pr. Dan offer Cagdas Donmezer the Interim Church Musician position effective January, 2018.
- Sanctuary Renovation (Ed Green): Ed asked Council their comfort level with 1) a goal of completing Phase I of renovation (estimate \$150,000 to \$200,000) and 2) a goal of completing Phase I and II of renovation (estimate \$300,000 to 500,000.) (See attached diagram of phases.) The Council recommended adopting the goal of completing Phase I and II and recommended the giving be over three years. MSC to hire Mark Rieke to direct the capitol campaign for a fee of approximately \$22,000. Pr. Dan will call Mark and find out when he is available for the 4-5 month capitol campaign in early 2018.
- Resolution to Approve 2018 Monthly Ministry Partners: MSC to approve 12 MMP's: January, Fourth and Hope; February, Belfry; March, Mt. Cross; April, Amor; May, Yolo Interfaith Immigration Network (YIIN); June, Lutheran Social Services; July, Yolo County Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program; August, Yolo Crisis Nursery; September, Lutheran Episcopal Volunteer Network (LEVN); October, California Lutheran University/Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary; November, ELCA Hunger Appeal; December, Interfaith Rotating Shelter. Witness and Service will give Council recommendations for MMP's to receive Easter and Christmas loose offerings later.
- Ratification of 2018 Budget Meeting Recommendation to Congregation: MSC to ratify 2018 budget recommended to congregation. (Attached.)

Respectfully submitted,
Jo Ann Anderson

Closer for November 2017: Marvie Paulson
Devotions for November 2017: Jo Ann Anderson

Closer for December 2017: Mick Finn
Devotions December 2017: Debbie Kennedy