

Lutheran Church of the Incarnation Council Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2018

We are seeking to be an inclusive, multigenerational 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: Debbie Kennedy (2018), Marvie Paulson (2018), Mick Finn (2019), Carol Huegli (2020), Jeff de Ropp (2020), David Kukis (2020), Pr. Dan Smith

Absent: Tony Tanke (2018), Jo Ann Anderson (2019), Emily Rustad (2019),

Devotions and Prayer: Marvie shared several books, Strength to Love, Martin Luther King; The Book of Joy, Dali Lama and Desmond Tutu. Letter from Albert Einstein to his daughter served as the basis of the devotion for the evening.

Approval of Minutes

The March 13, 2018 minutes were approved as amended.

Financial Report: Debbie Kennedy

- Regular offerings down in March but much advance giving occurred in Jan and Feb; Operating Cash ended at \$10,997.33; bridge loan at \$2,145.92. January – March 2018, offerings to date at \$115,999.02 and expenditures at \$21,990.81.
- Discussion occurred about how to manage the income when we have guest musicians similar to Maundy Thursday that the counters process the cash counting and the church issue a check. Dave suggested Pastor Dan ask how much the musicians received so we have a record of the amount received.
- Mick inquired about the Mission Trip Fund, how much is typically needed. Debbie shared that a portion of it is used as scholarships for those who need assistance in participating.
- Other items: Council Retreat (Debbie identified where additional funds could be redirected); and undesignated fund estimate on Easter Sunday was about \$800 for Lutheran World Relief.

Pastor's Report: Pr. Dan Smith

See report provided. In regards to representation at the Synod Assembly, Pr. Dan will contact the Grayson's about attending the Synod Assembly. If unable, both the Kukis' and Huegli's will research their ability to attend. Pr. Dan has scheduled discussion on the Policy Statement on Interfaith relations during the Adult Education time period on 4/22 & 29 and 5/6. In regards to the City of Davis Service Day on May 19, Pr. Dan will discuss with Social Justice Committee whether LCI will provide volunteers for a project or identify one to be part of that day. Shared that a band from Tanzania will be on tour—researching if LCI could host an event in early

October. Lastly, a group of churches are aligning with a Sacramento group for 4/22 to work with people regarding immigration.

Committee, Task Force, and President's Reports

Discussion Items:

- Measurable goals – community outreach ideas; Carol asked for Council members to share their support for pursuing the development of such goals—they confirmed their support. Carol will draft a document for use at the Ministry Leader meeting on Sunday, April 22 to collect their input.
- Change of council meeting time starting **in June**: 6:30 – 8:30 pm.
- Summer worship schedule as a policy matter: will continue at 9:30 time.
- Online giving program: researching several programs. Aiming to have a recommendation next month.

Action Items:

- Hiring a bookkeeper: Debbie has a recommendation of an accountant, Megan Likes. Basic services: bank reconciliation, help treasurer set up budget, use Quick Books online, will provide some training to the LCI Treasurer. Fee \$325/month. Will start end of April. Comes with good references. Motion by Mick and seconded by Carol to hire the accountant. Passed unanimously. In regards to payroll, fee dropped \$200 per month; with March at no cost. Pr. Dan shared that Treasurer search continues. Institution of a finance committee was discussed as a good route to take for LCI.
- July 10, 2018 Council Meeting: agreed that we have the passing of the baton from retiring members to new members at the July meeting from 6:30-7:30.

Reminders:

- Electing Meeting – May 20, 2018 @ 9:30 am; also Pentecost Sunday
- Sign-ups for Closer/Devotions June and beyond. Listed below.
- Council Retreat – August 18, 2018

Closer for April 2018: Mick

Closer for May 2018: Marvie

Devotions for May 2018: Mick

Closer for June 2018: Dave Kukis

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