

*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.*

- I. **Attendance:** Council Roster: Debbie Kennedy (2018), Jo Ann Anderson (2019), Mick Finn (2019), Carol Huegli (2020), Dave Kukis (2020), Lori Martin Bodhiprasart (2021), Craig Copelan (2021), Connie Valentine (2021), Pr. Dan Smith
- Absent: Gretchen Peralta (2019), Jeff de Ropp (2020)
- II. **Devotions and Prayer:** After dinner and socializing, Carol called the meeting to order. Dave led the Council in opening prayer.
- III. **Approval of Minutes**  
A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the May 20, 2018 Congregational meeting minutes. A second motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the May 8, 2018 and June 3, 2018 Council meeting minutes.
- IV. **Council Member Welcome and orientation: Pr. Dan and Carol**
- A. **Welcome:** Pr. Dan and Carol welcomed the Council. Pr. Dan gave each Council Member a Council welcome kit.
- B. **Behavioral Covenant:** The Church Council Sample Behavioral Covenant was read and discussed. Council will decide at the August 25 Council Retreat if we will use the Behavioral Covenant at each meeting.
- C. **What will make a good Council meeting?**—The following feedback was given by Council Members either by email or during the meeting:
1. Going efficiently through simple agenda items.
  2. Have everyone speak on those (rare) difficult or contentious items. Make sure everyone is heard.
  3. A focused agenda posted one week in advance.
  4. Supportive documentation as needed with the agenda; provide history and ultimate decision as needed when topic or discussion has recurred with prior Boards.
  5. "Timekeeper" to avoid unnecessary repetition and/or discussion.
  6. Avoid discussion among Board (Council) members via emails that do not include the entire Board.
  7. Regardless of personal opinion, support the final decision in front of the members in order to avoid controversy.
  8. I believe that if we as a Council follow Robert's Rules of Order more closely for our meetings and adopt the suggested Behavioral Covenant, it will improve our meetings.
  9. Looking at the question more broadly, the answer to this question depends on how we view our role as a Council. Do we crank through the mechanics of church business solely, or are we more visionaries and spiritual leaders/discerners?
  10. If bogged down in mechanics, we miss what the larger congregation needs.
  11. Listen to God and vision where we need to be.
  12. Committee brings recommendation.
  13. Speak up to assign to committee or take it on.
  14. When discussion continues, call the question.
  15. Effective. Brief. All action items addressed by end of meeting or assigned to committee.
  16. Action items especially—get them taken care of. Vision of where we are going—develop the vision—how?

17. Review vision statement—how does it play out practically?
18. Don't see the vision.
19. What do people need to know before taking action? Can be mediated through Executive Committee.
20. Have fun!

**D. Council Member Responsibilities**

1. Come to church regularly.
2. Read Council meeting agenda and backup documents in advance.
3. If you send a Council agenda item by email, don't assume everyone has read late emails. We will aim at getting out the agenda and items by Sunday. Anything after that, bring hard copies to the meeting to pass out to Council.
4. Let the President know if you can't attend a meeting.
5. Lead devotions at Council meeting and close building on Sundays (by sign-up). Mick will orient new members on closing responsibilities and will ask Leena to email Closing Instructions to new Council Members.
6. Pr. Dan pointed out that the LCI Congregational Constitution has been passed out to Council Members. This is our basic governing document. *(Also found on LCI website at <http://lcidavis.org/files/LCI%20Constitution.pdf>.)*

**V. Financial Report : Debbie**

Debbie reviewed and explained the May 31, 2018 financial report (on file). The June 30 report is being completed.

**VI. Pastor's Report: Pr. Dan**

Pr. Dan reviewed his report (on file). Vern Holmes has agreed to lead the Stewardship Program. The commitment portion of the program will be in the winter this year.

**VII. Committee, Task Force, and President's Reports**

- A. **President's Report:** Carol thanked everyone for volunteering to serve on Council and said we will be reflecting on how the meetings are organized. Carol will be gone on vacation and the Mexico mission trip July 23-August 3.
- B. **Social Justice:** Jo Ann gave the Social Justice Committee report (on file). The church office will be taking sign-ups of families willing to house New Life Band members Friday night, October 5.
- C. **Synod Assembly, June 1-3:** Pr. Dan and Jo Ann reported on the Synod Assembly meeting.

**VIII. Old Business: None**

**IX. New Business:**

**Planning for August 25 Council Retreat:** Pr. Dan announced Pr. Mark Price from Lodi will facilitate. Location to be announced.

**X. Closing**

Pr. Dan led us in a "For the Good of the Church" activity and closed with prayer. The meeting ended at 9:00 p.m.

**Reminders**

- Future Evening Council meetings start at 6:30 p.m.
- August 25, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Council Retreat
- Closer for July 2018: Carol (July 1, 8 & 15) & Mick (July 22 & 29)
- Closer for August 2018: Jo Ann (August 5, 19 & 26) & Debbie (August 12)
- Devotions for August 2018: Craig Copelan

Respectfully submitted, Jo Ann Anderson, Secretary