

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), Jo Ann Anderson (2019), Mick Finn (2019), Jeff de Ropp (2020), Dave Kukis (2020), Carol Huegli (2020), Pr. Dan Smith

Absent: Emily Rustad (2019), Marvie Paulson (2018),

Guest: Ed Green

Devotions and Prayer: Pr. Dan led the Council in opening devotions.

Approval of December 12 Council Minutes: Jo Ann Anderson

The minutes were approved as presented.

Financial Report: Debbie Kennedy

- The operating cash balance as of December 31 was a deficit of approximately \$4,883.24. The year-end figures are still being finalized. We reduced our operating deficit by approximately \$10,000 during December.

Pastor's Report: Pr. Dan Smith

- Pr. Dan presented his Policy for Funerals/Memorial Services (attached). Council members will review it and vote on it next month. The main question for Council is about charged amounts for nonmembers.
- Pr. Dan has been asked to serve on the Mt. Cross board. The term is three years, with six meetings a year. Meetings are on Saturdays.
- Pr. Dan continues to visit about three congregational families a week.
- The focus during January is on worship, with a January 28 All-congregation Worship Forum from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. The purpose of this conversation and for sanctuary renovation plans is to build a church for the future.
- Pr. Dan and his family will be taking a summer vacation to Germany June 9 through July 5.

Committee, Task Force, and President's Reports

- Tony reported that Jo Ann and Leena will be taking care of archiving church records, with an emphasis on keeping digital records stored on Google Drive wherever possible.
- Carole Franti is doing much better. We are hoping she will be able to resume leading the Narthex Beautification Committee.
- Celebration of Abraham will be Sunday, January 28, 3 p.m., at St. James Catholic Church. All are welcome.
- On Sunday, February 4, 12 noon, in the LCI Fellowship Hall there will be an interfaith dialogue with a panel including two Muslims, two Jews, and two Christians. All are welcome.
- Tony met with both Davis rabbis and shared the LCI Council resolutions on hate speech and outside organizations.
- A task force is meeting to review LCI sponsorship of the Celebration of Abraham.

Discussion Items

- Measurable 2018 goals for Pastor and Council: Pr. Dan and Tony are going to meet about goals. Send suggested goals to Tony by email.
- Jeff de Ropp reviewed his Reorganization of Committee Structure report first presented to Council September 13, 2016. It was suggested that next fall we have time and talent pledging. Volunteerism needs to be encouraged. Read Jeff's report and we will discuss it further at the next Council meeting (attached).

Action Items

- The sanctuary renovation was discussed, led by Ed Green and Tony. The Council is considering an internal capital campaign. Our vision is we are building a church for our future members. Tony stated it will take at least \$187,000 to do a minimal update of the sanctuary, including replacing flooring and taking out the back wall. Ed stated the items in his pyramid diagram are a continuation of what people asked for when they were polled about the last facility renovation (attached).

Tony stated we spent \$1.6 million on our previous facility renovation. We actually borrowed \$300,000, with \$250,000 of that rolled into our first mortgage. Debbie stated we have \$66,000 in the Sanctuary Renovation account at present.

We need to know more specifically what exactly needs to be done to the sanctuary and how much it will cost. Daniel Sedillo can help us with that and help us price the work.

We need to go through an intentional planning process. We need to create a timeline. We need to allow the congregation to have a say. We need to present our vision to them and create some passion around the project. We need to ask for capital project pledges.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to have **local contractor Daniel Sedillo prepare a very specific plan to renovate the sanctuary.**

A motion was made, seconded and carried to **create a Sanctuary Renovation Task Force** of approximately five people to work with Daniel Sedillo. Pr. Dan, Tony, Ed, Mick and Carol will be among those on the task force.

Closer for January 2018: Debbie Kennedy
Devotions for January 2018: Pr. Dan Smith

Closer for February 2018: Jeff de Ropp
Devotions for February 2018: Mick Finn

Respectfully submitted,

Jo Ann Anderson, Secretary