

## **Lutheran Church of the Incarnation Council Minutes**

**September 12, 2017**

*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: Debbie Kennedy (2018), Marvie Paulson (2018), Jo Ann Anderson (2019), Mick Finn (2019), Emily Rustad (2019), Jeff de Ropp (2020), Carol Huegli (2020), Dave Kukis (2020), Pr. Dan Smith  
Absent: Tony Tanke (2018)

Devotions and Prayer: Pr. Dan led the Council in opening prayer and reflected on his sabbatical travels.

### Approval of June Minutes

The July 11, 2017 minutes were approved as presented.

### Financial Report and 2018 Budget Preparation: (Debbie Kennedy)

- Operating cash on hand: June ended with a deficit of \$309.94; July a deficit of \$5,664.95; August a deficit of \$12,279.90. We borrowed from reserves to pay bills.
- At the end of August, we had spent 59 percent of the approved 2017 budget, while 67 percent through the fiscal year.
- As always, we will be looking at income when establishing the 2018 budget.
- Total regular giving in 2016 through August 31 was \$204,746.52.
- Tuesday, October 24, 7 p.m., will be a special Council meeting to review, discuss, and hopefully approve the proposed 2018 congregational budget.

### Pastor's Report:

Pr. Dan passed out his report (attached) and talked about his sabbatical experiences. He will be doing some Adult Forum sessions on Martin Luther and Dan's travels through Lutherland and the Holy Land, dates to be determined.

### Committee, Task Force, and President's Reports:

- There was no president's report.
- Jo Ann reported Witness & Service had met with the Learning Committee to coordinate Adult Form sessions on Immigration topics, beginning with biblical basis of immigration. *[After the Council meeting the series dates were firmed up to be September 17 and 24 (two-week break) and October 15.]*

Discussion Items:

- Debbie talked about the Reformation 500 Fortress Press book sale at church, September 24-October 7, with books offered at 50 percent of retail price with no shipping. Remaining books will become part of the church library.
- Fall Stewardship Program: Dave reported the Fall Stewardship Program will be October 15 through November 5. November 5 will be Commitment Sunday, with a celebration after the second service. (Handout attached.) The Capitol Campaign will be in February, separate from the Fall Stewardship Program.
- Marvie suggested inviting Josh Kerney, Regional Gift Planner of the ELCA Foundation, to speak at LCI about planned giving.

Action Item:

- Ratification of Job Description for LCI Administrative Assistant: Jeff reported on the job description and job search. MSC prior to the meeting by email to approve the Administrative Assistant job description.

Closer for September, 2017: Dave Kukis

Devotions for September, 2017: Pr. Dan Smith

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Respectfully submitted,

Jo Ann Anderson, Secretary