

St. Tim's Congregational Council Meeting

04-23-17

Present: Pastor Rachael Powell, Bob Jacobson; Lee Wilson, Marie Henkel, Sara Love, Scott Hardy, Rob Evers, Dan Rader, Michele Benton, Robin Harmon, Trudelle Bunn.

Opening prayer—Rob Evers. Minutes unanimously approved as written.

Treasury/Budget—Michele, Lee and Marie have been working together; Marie manages payroll and Lee handles checks. As of today, contributions are at 28%. Matt Powell is at Cross of Hope ½ time, reducing the amount we give to them.

Finance Team update (attached)—Dan Rader—discussion of investment strategies for St. Tim's and presentation of the idea that investing locally is morally preferable to investing through large investment companies that fund "big oil," etc. We have approximately \$280 K in investments. Sara suggested that the Advocacy team could meet with Finance to assist with decision-making in this area. The idea of changing banks from Wells Fargo was mentioned, which led to a discussion of Wells Fargo's local charitable involvement. It was suggested that we move our savings account but leave our checking with Wells Fargo for now, in light of the bank's local philanthropic efforts.

Facility Committee (email attachment)—Michele Benton—Since May and June are usually the driest season, we should schedule a Congregational Meeting SOON regarding plans for roof repairs. Heaters must be turned off & moved. Per a September, 2016 bid, ~\$1000 is necessary for repair and replacement of gutters. National Roofing has estimates categorized as good, better, best. Will Anthony and Chris Roland will move heaters and 2 abandoned a/c units on top of the old chapel on 4/26. Lee moved and Scott seconded a motion to accept the Facility Committee's proposal for roof repairs as outlined in Gmail "[Roof Repair Recommendations](#)" dated 04-18-17, itemizing areas to be repaired, with associated costs. Motion passed unanimously. Michele will write up a blurb for the Crosslight.

Messiah Lutheran Church—brief discussion of the uncertain future of this congregation. They are working with the Bishop to discern next steps and a path forward. Chris from Messiah will now be working with Lutheran Campus Ministries.

Breakout Sessions—"Is God calling St. Tim's to remain in this place, or are we being called to serve in another way?" Results of breakouts: (1) We feel called to this community and what we are doing in this geographical area. Most things we do are community-driven. (2) New things are happening here and we need to stay in this space. The building itself is very sound. (3) St. Tim's has become a foundation piece in the neighborhood, with many different groups using our building. The building itself is important as a *place*, to both children and adults. In summary, Council is in pretty solid agreement that the Holy Spirit has called us to be here.

Council authorization for electronic access to MIF (mission endowment fund)—Bob moved and Robin seconded this motion: *“With a quorum present and acting, St. Timothy’s ELCA Council has authorized Michele Benton and Marie Henkel to act as MIF online administrators who can be granted access to MIF online services to manage ministry investment and/or loan accounts. (Online Administrators may appoint additional users who can conduct online financial transactions for specific accounts.) The Congregational Council selects Marie Henke I as the Enrollment Officer to establish MIF online access.”* Motion was passed unanimously.

Approval of newly confirmed members—Bert and Barbara Blackwell, Betsy Van Dyke, Will Anthony, Phyllis Harper-Rispoli, Elizabeth McGrew, Ron & Elaine Solimon, Don & Mary Beth Tidwell. Trudelle moved and Monica seconded the motion to approve; passed unanimously.

Supply Pastor for Easter—Matt Powell is to be given \$150 for services, which he is declining. The \$150 will be listed as a contribution in-kind. Lee moved and Bob seconded. * voted yes; 1 abstention.

Next Meeting—Sunday, 05-21-17.