

ST. TIMOTHY'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Minutes of Council Retreat of 2/10/18

Council members present were: Rob Evers, Lee Wilson, Rich Ciccarello, Gabbi Carpenter, Bob Jacobson, Sara Love, Pastor Rachel Powell, Bert Blackwell, Robin Harmon, Debby Morrell, and Elaine Morgan.

The retreat was called to order at 9:30 am with prayer.

1. Rob presented a description of the consent agenda and when council members receive it.
2. Sara presented the status of our advocacy application.
3. Rob reviewed the relevant parts of our constitution; Chapter 5, Powers of the Congregation and Chapter 12, Congregation Council.
4. Sara presented communication expectations, the role of council liaisons to committees and communication from the committees back to the council.
5. Rob presented the basics of Church finance.
6. Pastor presented a reflection exercise. We listed all of the ministries that the Congregation has undertaken during Pastor Rachel's tenure. Pastor reflected that we have much to be thankful for. She also expressed that our selection of ministries is wide and that it was time to go deeper into each one as opposed to adding new ones.
7. Debbie gave an update on Good News Ministry including what are their needs and how can we deepen our relationship with them.
8. Prayer groups were formed to focus on items 6 and 7 above.
9. Rich and Pastor presented an update on the L.I.F.E Program.
10. Members discussed publishing a new member directory: self publish or use Life Touch Publishing?
11. Bert moved and Gabby seconded to form an exploratory team to investigate the W.R.E.L. grant for a home economics initiative for Good New Ministry. Vote: 10-0-0.
12. Meeting adjourned at 1:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Ciccarello, Secretary