

St. Timothy's Lutheran Church

Council Meeting 05/19/2019

Minutes: Submitted by Robert Evers

Council Members Present: Sara Love (President), Robert Evers (Secretary), Pastor Rachael Powell, Bert Blackwell, Monica Coburn, Richard Ciccarello, Robin Harmon, Bob Jacobson, Debby Morrell.

Council Members Absent: Lee Wilson (Vice-President), Gabby (Nico) Carpenter, Elaine Morgan, Ed Schissel.

A majority of council members being present a quorum is present.

Guests Present: Michele Benton (Co-Treasurer of the Congregation and Co-Chair of the Facility Team).

Opening Prayer: Sara Love opened our meeting with prayer.

Consent Agenda: The minutes of the April Council Meeting and Pastor's Report were presented to the members of the council. These items were approved by a vote of 9 for; 0 against and 0 abstaining.

Action Agenda Items:

1. Pastor led a **discussion about the possibility of renting out facilities to for profit individuals or entities**. Some discussion ensued about would this affect non-profit status or our status as a 501(c) (3) tax exemption of St. Timothy's or would this income be considered unrelated business income? Michele indicated that since we do not have building debt this would not be classified as unrelated business income. Since any rent would be small it probably would not affect our non-profit status or our 501(c) (3). **Motion: to allow the pastor and the executive team members to explore building use of St. Timothy's facilities by for profit individuals or entities.** Moved by Debby Morrell and seconded by Richard Ciccarello. Vote on the motion: 7 for; 2 against (Rob & Bob) and 0 abstaining. The motion is adopted by the council.
2. Pastor **informed the council about the African Refugee Women's Fellowship (Umoja)** beginning the process to incorporate as a non-profit in the State of New Mexico and to also begin the process of being recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) entity. We have received several donations to fund activities of this group. **Motion: To create a restricted fund for use by the African Refugee Women's Fellowship (Umoja) which will be transferred to this entity upon completion of**

incorporation by the State of New Mexico and granting of 501(c)(3) status by the IRS. Moved by Debby Morrell and seconded by Robin Harmon. Vote on the motion: 9 for; 0 against and 0 abstaining. The motion is adopted.

3. **Request from the Combined Advocacy and Stewardship/Outreach Teams concerning the feeding of Asylees. We request that the Council allocate the following funds: \$850.00 from the Hope Works/Local Benevolence Line Item of our 2019 Church Budget and \$1,300.00 from the Hope Works/Local Benevolence Fund to support the ongoing mission of Lutheran Family Services to provide sack lunches and dinners to asylees as they come through Albuquerque, NM.** This request was moved by Rich Ciccarello and seconded by Pastor Rachael Powel. Vote on the motion: 9 for; 0 against and 0 abstaining. The motion is adopted.
4. **The Combined Advocacy & Stewardship/Outreach Teams also requested the Council to have St. Timothy's formally explore partnerships with other congregations (both locally and nationally) for our work with local benevolence and asylee needs.** This request was moved by Bert and seconded by Monica. Vote on the motion: 9 for; 0 against and 0 abstaining. The motion is adopted.
5. **Next Council Meeting is set for July 21, 2019 at 12 noon in the fellowship hall.**
6. **Pastor Rachael Powell lead us in closing prayer.**
7. **The Council Adjourned having completed the agenda for this meeting.**