

Peace Lutheran Council Minutes April 2018

President Drew Ekstrom called the meeting to order April 19 at 7 p.m. Present were Pastor Melissa, Diane Lechman, Maria Gjovig, Drew Ekstrom, Lauren Williams, Norma Lundgren, Michelle Ward, Craig Brunclik, and Pete Peterson.

Craig and Drew led us in devotions and prayer, followed by our Mission and Identity Statement.

MMSP to approve the Secretary's report.

MMSP to approve the Treasurer's report, with one correction: the \$175 spent on pulpit supply pastors should be reported as budget item 520, supply pastors, not as part of item 500, Pastor's salary.

Pastor Melissa reported that 12 new members will be welcomed at the 8:30 service on April 22. She also explained her interpretation of paid time off, which includes regular vacation, plus one weekend per quarter, continuing education time, and comp time for overnight stays and events on regular days off.

The formation of a Finance Committee was discussed. Pete and Drew have already talked to several folks who would serve on this committee. Pete intends that these people—Tim Pauley, Barb Hanson, and Andrea Skinner—would be instrumental in helping with the transition to the new accounting/payroll software, and then would form the core of the Finance Committee. It is not anticipated that Finance would be a standing committee with a Council representative, at least not at first, but would report to The Council, and would be led by the Treasurer, who would be an ex officio Council member.

Pete pointed out that, since his acting as interim treasurer while being a Council member could be seen as a conflict of interest, he is willing to resign his Council seat. Council members were urged to consider this question and act on it soon, perhaps next month.

It was announced that we need two delegates to the Synod Assembly in Eau Claire in June. Pete volunteered to go, but encouraged others to go instead, since it is an enjoyable and uplifting experience.

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There followed a critique of the meet/greet sessions held 4/18. The early session was plagued by acoustic and sound system problems, so that many could not clearly hear Pastor Dwaine. The move to the sanctuary for the later session solved those problems. Pastor Dwaine should be given props for doing very well despite suffering from an intestinal bug. Despite these drawbacks, feelings were that the evening was successful.

Plans were made for conducting the 4/22 Congregational meeting. Drew pointed out that Vicki Koehler would make the initial presentation, with input from other Call Committee members, followed by Q&A for Call Committee and Council members. It was agreed to emphasize that meeting attendees should plan to increase their giving to meet the expenses of calling Pastor Dwaine, even though the cost of doing so will be less than the budget allows. Drew presented his idea of 40 families, \$30/month additional giving, for 8 months.

MMSP to adjourn, followed by The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pete Peterson, Council Secretary