February 8, 2020 Church Council Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: 2:24 pm Karla Klingfus

Present: Klingfus, Pastor Ben, Pastor Alicia, Hanson-Busch, Hemann, Dittberner, Schoenebeck, Mackenthun, Smithson, Berger

Approve Agenda: Motion Berger, 2nd Dittberner, motion passed

Approve Minutes from January 27, 2019 meeting: Motion Schoenebeck, 2nd Berger, motion passed

Pastor Alicia Report:

- 3rd grade Bibles given out this week,
- New member class has 5 households- a mix of families and individuals.
- Thank you to the council for participating in Lenten Devotional book writing.
- Encourage 3 practices for Lent this year: worship, Lenten Devotional reading, small group attendance.
- Synod Took kit coming up February 22. Email to follow with registration info.

Pastor Ben Report:

- 3 funerals over three weeks- thanks to staff for making the space so welcoming for families.
- CYF hiring team formed and in place.
- Diaper drive currently active for missions and outerwear giveaway afternoon will be Feb. 24th
- Hope House hosting February 9-16.
- Looking Outward Vision visits to other churches still ongoing.
- Mission moments from community officials continue.
- March 1st, 4-6 pm, Vision Huddle Looking Forward.
 - Will have youth participation as we focus on future.
- Small groups will begin after Ash Wednesday and through Lent
 - Theme is Dreamers. Sign up will be soon.

Treasurer's Report:

- Year to date review shows overall revenue ahead of budget
 - Increased general giving in January.
 - Expenses on budget so far.
 - Combining balance sheet reviewed.

New Business:

- Pastor Ben presented paperwork on a designated gift to Holy Trinity from an anonymous source.
- Group discussion of details, and gift policy.
- Need for follow up on finalized information and synod input resulted in deferring of final council vote on acceptance of the gift.
- Special meeting called for Monday, February 10 at 6:15 pm.

Closing Prayer: The Lord's Prayer

Motion to adjourn 3:51 pm, motion Smithson, 2nd Mackenthun, motion passed