

02/09/19 Congregation Council Minutes

Present: Pastor Glen Thomas, Randy Cramer, Brett Fuller, Tami Nelson-Lovett, Andrew Rouillard, Dave Sherwin, Kelli Stott

At the retreat prior to the Council meeting being called to order:

Election of Council Officers:

- President – Andrew Rouillard
- Vice-President – Brett Fuller
- Treasurer – Margie Magnuson
- Financial Secretary – Tami Nelson-Lovett
- Secretary – Randy Cramer

Designation of Committee Liaisons:

- Community Service – Dave Sherwin
- Faith Formation – Luke Compton
- Property – John Hollenbeck
- Staff Support – Kelli Stott

The meeting was called to order by Andrew Rouillard at 11:35am. A brief devotion was presented by Pastor.

Pastor's Report: Pastor presented proposals for Lent 2019.

- Lenten theme: *We are church connected*
- Our Metro cluster will conduct a pulpit exchange for mid-week services
- A joint worship service will be held on Wednesday, March 27th at Augustana Lutheran. Bishop Maas is scheduled to preach.
- Churches in our Metro cluster will combine for a joint Good Friday service at St. Matthew.
- A Bible Study is planned during the Coffee Hour on the following Sundays: March 10th, March 24th, and April 7th.
 - Pastor and Council are looking for feedback regarding avenues for Bible Study that will encourage more members to participate, helping to develop a deeper understanding of how the Bible speaks to us.
- St. Matthew is in need of volunteers to prepare meals on for Wednesdays evenings during Lent.
- Andrew offered to be the host for visiting Pastors for Wednesday night services. Liturgists are needed for same services.
- During Lent, members of St. Matthew are encouraged to attend worship services at other churches within our Metro cluster on Wednesday evenings.
- Lenten offerings will be consolidated and given to a cause agreed upon by the Metro cluster.

Ministry Reports:

- Worship and Music – report from Linda Hill was reviewed.
- Faith development (youth and children) – No report
- Community Service – No report
- Stewardship – No report
- Staff support – No report
- Property – No report
- Hospitality – No report

Financial Secretary's Report – Pending review by Council

Treasurer's Report – Pending review by Council

Old Business:

- Council will conduct a vote electronically regarding sanctuary pews and floor to ensure that every Council member has opportunity provide input and vote.
- It was reported the debt retirement campaign has begun. Pledge cards will be mailed to all members in the next couple weeks.

New Business:

- Annual Meetings – Research is necessary to identify different means to collect votes from the congregation when a quorum is not present at the scheduled annual meeting or special congregational meetings.
- A roster review was recommended in order to identify a count required to have a quorum at above stated meetings.
- Pastor provided each Council member a copy of the book *“What is the Bible”* by Rob Bell. Discussions will occur at Council meetings.

Council closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 1:35pm.

Next meeting will be held on Monday, March 18th at 7:00pm.

Andrew Rouillard
Council President

Randy Cramer
Council Secretary

