

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

Council Meeting – October 24, 2017

Present: Ernie Atkins, President
Jason Green, Vice President
Pastor Charles Bang
Pastor Phyllis Milton
Rita Foringer
Jeane Fullen

Todd Pfahl
Alison Phillips
Aaron Sutherland
Garth Wallis
Barry Zorumski
Andrea Cerone,
Congregational Secretary

Guests: Rick Graves
Paula Jones
Linda Robinson
Peggy Sipes

Ernie welcomed the Council at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Milton led devotions and prayer.

Old Business

Minutes: Garth moved approval of the September minutes. The motion was seconded and carried.

Financial Reports: Rick shared financial reports. Offerings were good in September, but have dropped a bit in October. Rita moved approval of the financial reports as submitted. The motion was seconded and carried.

The Mansion: HVAC system appears to be working. Outside looks really good.

221 Cynthia Drive (Karlson Donation): In the process of closing. Hope to close October 27. Waiting for Judge to sign off on our Motion. The title company wants all six Trustees to sign. We have asked the attorney what modifications or changes need to be made so that only three of the six need to sign documents in the future.

Storm Damage: We have been told the check is in the mail to finalize our claims.

Debt Reduction: Rick reported that debt reduction was down slightly in Sept, but going at a good pace in Oct. With the sale of the Karlson property we appear to be on target.

Sunrise House Land Condemnation: Rick reported that he and Keith Leckrone are finalizing our demand letter to the City of Hampton which needed to be adjusted due to an appraisal hitch. It could take up to a year to achieve a settlement. Any excess gained will be applied to the Gloria Dei Ministries, Inc. balance owed to the Gloria Dei Credit Line. City has agreed to repair only the front and back aprons of the parking lot.

School and Church Audit: Garth met with Joyce Schaffer, CPA, of Malvin Riggins & Company. A meeting has been scheduled for Joyce to meet with Rick Graves.

School Accreditation: The school staff continues to work on the next process. Portfolios and curriculum are being updated. The school's mission statement is being incorporated into all areas. A new teacher web page host will be activated on November 1. Pre-K thru Second Grade will share a page with tabs for each teacher. Third through Eighth grade will have their own individual pages. Linda's newsletter article explains the changes. She will also send a mass call to explain the web page changes.

Retreat: Jason reported that the discussion for a retreat had been ongoing for a little over a year. He proposed the dates of Feb. 22 and 23. A response is needed by Oct 27. A 100% participation is required. The decision will then need to be made on where to hold the retreat – at the church or offsite.

New Business

Sunrise House: Pastor Wayne Harrison is no longer the Executive Director. Pastor Bang and Rick Graves are filling in as needed. In discussions regarding cash flow for Sunrise House it was determined that since inception, this ministry has utilized the bank line of credit belonging to the church which was offset by receivables due to Sunrise House. While this has been a long term practice, the Congregation Council believed it best to formally vote on allowing a \$65,000.00 credit line cap access which will be reviewed on a monthly basis by the Council. The following motion was made by Garth, seconded and was approved: *Move to recognize and approve the continued use of the Gloria Dei Credit Line for use by Gloria Dei Ministries, Inc. to provide funds to cover the overdue receipts from billings from the contracted services to the Veterans Affairs and Medicaid agencies of the federal and state government. The current need for such funding is capped at \$65,000. Gloria Dei Ministries is continuing to collect such funds working with the contracting offices and providing all requested forms and rebilling, has a total balance due from such billings of over \$65,000 and agrees to pay off the loan balance with all receipts from these now over 90 day aged accounts. Further Gloria Dei Ministries has and will continue to pay all interest charges for use of such funds from the credit line.*

Shepherds

Worship: It was noted that it was nice to have the Worship Band participate in the whole service last Sunday.

Christian Education & Youth: Barry reported that the scouts just returned from an outing to Old Rag Mountain. They are planning a Thanksgiving trip. Alison stated that Christian Education had good overall attendance. Sunday School had no new attendees as of yet despite a good Vacation Bible School attendance. As of now there is no 10:30 a.m. Sunday School as no one has volunteered to teach. The time will be used to practice for the Christmas pageant.

Care & Bible Study Ministries: Rita reported WELCA has great attendance at both the Book Club and Lunch Bunch. In November there will be a floral arrangement class. The Prayer Shawl ministry added a prayer square to each of the college care packages. Jeane updated on all of her areas.

Community Fellowship: Fish Fry was October 7. 330 plates and 175 to-go boxes were filled and five shut-in orders were placed. We collected 812 cans of tuna. We need to start frying fish earlier next year. We will need more hot dogs. It would be nice to have more youth serving the food.

School & Operations: The Virginia Diner school fundraiser is currently ongoing. The fence around the athletic field has been completed.

Committees & Elder Care: We will begin to form the Nomination Committee soon.

Pastoral Perspectives

Pastor Milton reported ACTS class was a success. We had 20 participants.

Pastor Bang reported the Sunrise House situation was dire. He stated that the remaining staff was wonderful

Pastor Milton moved adjournment; the motion was seconded and carried. At 8:10 p.m., Pastor Bang led closing prayer in our Circle of Friends.

Next Meeting: The next Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 28, 2017, 7:00 p.m. in the Luther Library.

Andrea Cerone
Congregational Secretary