**Lebanon Lutheran Church Council - Tuesday January 17, 2022 @ 6:00 PM** - In person in church lounge

**In Attendance:** Vice President Wietse Schaafsma, Financial Secretary Curt Crouch, Pastor Ogden, President Cheri Crouch, Sarah Schmalz, Secretary Meg Eaton, Brian Jaekel, Scott Keller

Cheri called meeting to order @ 6:00 PM.

Cheri called for the **Agenda Review.**  Wietse added Solar Panels under New Business. Sarah added Kids’ Club Physical Space under New Business. Agenda approved as amended.

 **Opening Prayer/Devotion**: Cheri led a devotion from Sr. Joan Chittister’s book, *The Breath of the Soul,* on being present and listening for the still, small voice of God “Give me the grace to be quiet, to listen for your voice in my heart.” Wiestse will lead opening devotions in February.

Participants shared **recent signs of God’s grace.**

**Secretary’s Minutes: Council reviewed the December minutes.** Wiestse moved to accept, Brian seconded, the motion passed and minutes were accepted.

**Pastor’s Report**: Pastor Ogden presented his report. Scouts are confirmed for 2/5/23 to present charter certificates. Lenten lunches are under discussion. Possible Mystery Dinner in March. Generosity Committee has met, small group to discuss children’s ministries is under construction. Council Installation tbd. See report for more details.

**Financial Reports:** Curt summarized the Financial Reports. 2022 Budget: $196,575.00. Budgeted Giving through 12/31/22:  $198,392.75. Expenses through 12/31/22: $198,052.67. Expenses for 2022 came in slightly over budget and slightly under income, which covered the difference. A good year financially with exception of investments.

**New or Urgent Business:**

1. **Devotion Calendar:** Cheri requested volunteers for 1st quarter Council devotions. Wietse: February. Meg: March. Sarah: April.
2. **Annual Report:** Annual Report was handed out. Pastor will make sure document is all white paper next year because colored paper per section is very time consuming for Margaret. Annual Meeting Agenda was discussed. Potluck meal will come first, Pastor will open with prayer, Cheri will lead, Barb A. will take minutes, Meg will send out Zoom link for any virtual participants and take attendance, Pastor will set up laptop for virtual link.
3. **Ballot Review:** Volunteers were finalized today so all openings are covered. Pastor reminded us that ballots can only be completed by members who attend the meeting. Virtual attendants may vote through chat.
4. **Vote re: Land Contract Extension:** An email vote was taken in late December to extend the Land Contract on 1121 S. Mears until February 28, 2023 if:
5. Buyers pay off the back taxes and bring the receipts to the meeting OR
6. Buyers apply for a mortgage from a lender and bring a copy of the application and lender contact information to the meeting OR
7. Buyers list the house with a realtor and bring a copy of the listing agreement and realtor contact information to the meeting

**Motion: Should the church agree to extend the land contract for two months as long as one of the above (1-3) conditions are met by 12/29/22?**

Of the 6/7 members who voted, all were in favor of the extension and the motion passed. Extension was signed under condition #1 on 12/30/22. Council tonight ratified the vote for the minutes with no objections.

1. **Solar Panels:** Pastor brought a solar panelbid to the Property Committee. Wietse and Scott said they all discussed it and the Committee feels that the panels should not be installed on the current roofs due to their age and condition. They could be considered when the roofs are adequately repaired/replaced.
2. **Kids’ Club Physical Space:** Sarah brought up the lack of an appropriate space for Kids’ Club on Sunday morning. After an extensive discussion, we toured the building and discussed the various available spaces. The library looks like the best candidate at this time, although eventually we would like to see the old nursery space remodeled for use by children.

**Emphases of the Month -**   January - Quilters, February - Living Lutheran, March/April – Good Gifts. Meg will ask Barb A. if she will be willing to speak about the *Living Lutheran*. Curt volunteered to speak about Good Gifts. The Quilting fund is doing very well after Carol N. gave a temple talk and we agreed to be mindful about spreading the word about the Funds of the Month.

  **Unfinished Business:**

1. No immediate need for Thrivent Action Cards.
2. Outdoor Sign: Council will discuss sign messages at every meeting. Right after January 28th sleigh ride is passed we suggest sign message announce the Winter Sports Complex outing on February 19th and the Ash Wednesday service on February 22.

**Adjournment**

At 7:38 PM Cheri asked for a motion to adjourn. Meg moved, Wietse seconded, motion passed. Meeting closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

*Submitted by Meg Eaton*