

Aurora Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
June 15, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Aurora Church Council was held on June 15, 2017 at 6:30pm. Those present were: Angie Jensen, Pastor Stephanie, Ryan Larson, Michelle Williams, Ryan Criddle, Dwight Jensen, Nathele Beadell, Tim Johnson, Sara Quiggle, and Stan Norland.

- ❖ Pastor Stephanie led us in Prayer
- ❖ Secretary's report read & approved
- ❖ Pastor's Report
 - Spring cleaning day went well; Kick off joint service was held outside at Trinity on Pentecost – good feedback received from it; new family joining this Summer; 20 people in attendance at Berne pizza outing; lots of meeting happening; vacation day planned for Thursday July 20
 - Synod has asked if Aurora would host the Rural Ministry Gathering meeting on Tuesday July 25
 - Pastor will be out August 3-15 for her trip to Columbia with the Synod for the Women of Faith celebration
- ❖ Treasurer's Financial reports were reviewed & approved subject to Audit
 - May income \$5,316.70 expense=\$9,002.14 Net loss = (\$3,685.44) Includes Property tax payment of \$1,753 paid from farm rent
 - 5/31/17 checking balance = \$2,516.04
- ❖ Unfinished Business
 - Parsonage repairs: new sump pump was put in and the AC was fixed at the Parsonage; Dwight Jensen is still working on getting a quote for new gutters at the Parsonage.
 - The trench for the lighting outside the church still needs to be dug – Dwight Jensen will arrange.
 - Cheryl Thompson would like to paint the women's bathroom at church – the Council is fine with this.
 - Church and Parsonage Walk thru: Trustees still need to complete a walk-thru of the church and parsonage and will make a list of projects that should be done and present to the Council.
 - Parking Lot: Two comparable bids have been received for the parking lot, one from Seykora Asphalt for \$33,985 and another from BMI for \$32,350. Both of the bids are for 5" thickness over the roadway and 3" over the parking area. Seykora will regrind the existing asphalt and put down over the roadway whereas BMI doesn't have the equipment to regrind the existing asphalt and re-use it, so they will haul in Class 5 at \$16/ton for an additional charge.
 - A confidential ballot vote was taken and it was decided to use Seykora Asphalt for the parking lot project.
 - Angie will present this information to the Township Board with hopes that they will help with costs of the roadway portion.
 - Parking Lot Fundraiser on July 15th: The menu has been set for the fundraiser. We will be asking for church members to make bars and muffins. There will be 2 shifts that day and 7 people are needed per shift. Dennis Jensen will allow us to use his auction trailer that day. Thrivent will match up to \$500 for fundraisers – two \$250 requests can be made. We will submit two separate requests: one for supplies/paper products and another for food costs.
 - Church Thermostats: new thermostats are on order. The church will pay for one Wi-Fi and one regular thermostat. An Anonymous donation was received to pay for the second Wi-Fi thermostat. They will all have lock boxes to put over them.
 - Parking Lot Grant: Nathele was waiting until we had a bid and made a decision on who to use before submitting. She will work on gathering the data to finish the letter of inquiry and submit to Oldham Little Church Foundation.
 - Bjoraker Land: Signatures were obtained for the Parcel Resolution and our attorney presented the Resolution to the County for verification and approval.
- ❖ New Business
 - Diner: meeting was held in June to discuss diner and July 15 fundraiser.
 - Discussed moving sign so it can be seen better – there is a tree blocking it.

- Will be replacing the big fan by the Grill
- Checking to see if there's something that can be done to level the floor
- Work days were set – start on July 19 and continue every Wednesday until the Fair.
- Motion made to move the July Council meeting to 7:30pm on July 19 and be held at the Diner after Diner cleaning is done.

❖ Next Council Meeting is Wednesday July 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the Aurora Diner

❖ Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted, Sara Quiggle - Secretary