

Aurora Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting Minutes  
August 22, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Aurora Church Council was held on August 22, 2018. Those present were: Angie Jensen, Pastor Stephanie, Paul Korb, Ryan Criddle, Mark Prestegard, Sara Quiggle, Lindsey Maher, Kayla Paape, Kay Klemmer, and Stan Norland.

- ❖ Pastor Stephanie led us in prayer
- ❖ Secretary minutes from June and July were read as there wasn't a quorum in July. One correction was noted from July – the cost of the landscaping on the south side of the church is estimated to be \$600-\$700, not \$300 as originally reported. Minutes were approved.
- ❖ Treasurer's Financial reports were reviewed and approved subject to audit
  - June 2018 income=\$3,341.49 expense=\$4,783.94 net loss= \$1,442.48 Utility costs were high as they included the summer refill of the LP tank
  - July 2018 income=\$4,489.77 expense=\$5,194.27 net loss=\$704.50
  - Farmland rent income was received and will be shown in August
  - 8/1/18 checking balance = \$770
- ❖ Pastors Report
  - Everything went good with the Aurora Diner during the fair. Thanks to everyone for their time and efforts.
  - Trinity Updates:
    - Trinity created a plan of dissolution, which is like a will, and they will vote on the plan on September 16.
    - They have to designate financial assets as well as physical assets. There is no plan yet for the asset of the church.
  - Aurora Transition team has met three times so far and has another meeting this Sunday.
    - They are shifting focus to look at finances next.
    - Potluck style cottage meetings will be held at church in September.
    - Weekly devotions will go out to Aurora members in the near future.
  - Confirmation parent meeting is this Sunday August 26.
  - Board of Education met and set Rally Sunday for September 9. There will be rolls and breakfast before service.
  - Pastor presented information on Interim Ministry training. The training is put on by NALIP (National Association of Lutheran Interim Pastors) and is a six-month program divided into 3 sequential phases. The training is designed to introduce clergy to the practice of intentional interim ministry and open to all clergy desiring and/or called to this special ministry in congregations during a pastoral transition.
    - Phase One is a residential week at Luther Seminary October 29 – November 2 2018.
    - Phase Two is a six month experience in a parish setting, where the participant "puts into practice" the material learned in Phase One.
    - Phase Three is the second residential week at Luther Seminary May 13 – 17 2019.
    - Cost of the training course is \$1,245. The Synod has a grant that would cover \$500 of the cost. However, we wouldn't find out if we receive the Grant until early 2019. Aurora's cost would be \$1,000 (in hopes of getting the \$500 grant in January) and Pastor would be the remaining \$245. The next course starts October 29
    - Motion approved for Pastor to enroll in the Basic Education for Practice of Intentional Interim Ministry Course. The designated funds to use for the cost are farmland rent and Thrivent choice funds. If a grant is received the funds will be paid back.
  - Council reviewed a flow chart to use for ministry concerns. The chart walks a person through the steps to decide how to handle the ministry concerns. This will be useful as we will be working through a lot of transition over the next several months.
- ❖ Unfinished Business
  - There are reasonable organs listed on Craigslist for purchase. We will keep this in mind down the road if we decide to get a back-up organ.

- Mark Prestegard and Dave Melby will be completing the landscaping on the south side of the church. The cost is expect to be \$900 and Ken Prestegard's family will be putting \$300 towards the project, so Aurora's cost would be \$600.
- The flooring person is not responding to our attempts to schedule a time to repair the kitchen floor that is cracking now. One of the Trustees will follow up again.
- Kirchners will be installing the Parsonage gutters in September.
- The farmland lease goes through the 2019 crop year. We will revisit this again in July 2019.

❖ New Business

- \$712.76 was received in the tip jar at the Diner. The funds were applied to the parking lot resurfacing fund. We also donated 151 pounds of food to the Food Shelf that were remaining from the Diner. The totals from the Diner are not available yet.
- We have approximately \$3,000 in bills due by the end of August and no funds to pay them from our general fund. The bills include: \$600 workers compensation, \$1,800 quarterly insurance, and remaining are normal monthly expenses. Our congregation's giving is not keeping up with our operating expenses.

❖ Next month's meeting will be Wednesday September 19 @ 6:30pm.

❖ Meeting Adjourned

❖ Respectfully Submitted, Sara Quiggle – Secretary