

Aurora Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Aurora Church Council was held on February 15, 2017 at 6:30pm. Those present were: Pastor Stephanie, Angie Jensen, Stan Norland, Paul Korbel, Kayla Paape, April Prestegard, Sara Pichner, Ryan Criddle, Nathele Beadell, and Michelle Williams.

- ❖ Pastor Stephanie led us in Prayer
- ❖ Secretary's report read & approved
- ❖ Treasurer's Financial reports were reviewed & approved subject to Audit
 - January income=\$10,063.03 expense=\$6,188.38 Net income = \$3,874.65 (includes \$3,500 farmland rent)
 - 2/1/17 checking balance = \$117.49

- ❖ Pastor's Report
 - What's Happened: Christmas Services, Annual Meeting, Continued Relationship Building, Epiphany Open House, Martin Luther Exhibit, Wedding, Hospital Visits, Reports (annual, ELCA Synod), MN River Conference Meeting
 - Coming Up: Lent – them is "Open our Lives", Moms Night Out 2/24, Renew 2/26, Holy Week, Fat Sunday Potluck 2/26, and preparation for First Communion/Confirmation
 - Pastor will be on vacation Thursday February 23
 - Continuing Ed on March 5-7: Wartburg – Rural Ministry Focus, Crisis and Conflict
 - Need to pick an organization the Lenten Folder proceeds will go to, considered Lutheran Disaster Relief

- ❖ Unfinished Business
 - Bjoraker Land Update: Our Attorney needs our Articles of Incorporation to finish separating the land parcels. Once completed each Parcel will be 50.75 tillable acres.
 - Parking Lot: we have given Seykora Asphalt an opportunity to re-bid the lot work.
 - Reviewed Parking Lot Fundraiser Ideas:
 - Car Show & TV showing filming is happening on July 15th. It's being put on by a local radio station. They are giving Aurora the opportunity to have a food stand from 7:30am – 2pm. Attendance is estimated to be 1,000 – 2,000 people and will be at the Classic Car lot across from Country Goods and Cabelas.
 - Car wash tickets for Keck's Kwik Lube
 - Steve's Meat Market Fundraiser
 - Candy Bar Sales

- ❖ New Business
 - Parking Lot Grant – Nathele found a grant we may be eligible for. Grant is through the Oldham Little Church Foundation. The average grant is \$7,000 - \$9,000 and grants are reviewed 4x/year. Nathele will start gathering data needed to apply.
 - Kitchen Floor: We've determined the Tile does not have asbestos. The floor installer can start any time – we'd like the tile installed before Lent. Meet Saturday 2/18 @ 9am to remove the old kitchen tile.
 - Ken Prestegard's family would like to make a gift to the church. They are looking for ideas on what that might be. Some suggestions: replacing trees in the cemetery, banners, perhaps something at the Diner.
 - Council Retreat will be Saturday March 18 from approximately 9am – 4:30pm. Location to be determined. The 6 hour retreat is for Council to set goals and direction for the year.

❖ Next Council Meeting is Thursday March 16 at 6:30pm

❖ Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,
Sara Pichner - Secretary