

Aurora Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Aurora Church Council was held on September 20, 2017 at 6:30pm. Those present were: Pastor Stephanie, Angie Jensen, Dwight Jensen, April Prestegard, Nathele Beadell, Sara Quiggle, Ryan Criddle, Tim Johnson, Ryan Larson, Paul Korb, and Stan Norland.

- ❖ Pastor Stephanie led us in Prayer
- ❖ Secretary's report from July was read & approved; there were no minutes from August as we didn't have a quorum at the meeting
- ❖ Treasurer's Financial reports were reviewed & approved subject to Audit
 - July income \$13,243.76 (includes \$8,000 farmland rent) expense=\$8,150.47 Net income = \$5,093.29
 - August income \$5,782.73 expense = \$39,765.33 net loss (33,982.60)
 - Payment for the parking lot of \$33,485 were part of August expenses. The funds used to pay the parking lot invoice were: \$12,500 Bjoraker CD, oyster/chili & bake sale \$699.29, \$2,000 Paul Anderson memorial, \$100 donation from Trinity BP, \$681.85 classic car show fundraiser, \$409.64 Diner donations, and remainder of \$17,094.22 was borrowed from Bjoraker estate funds.
 - 8/31/17 checking balance = \$881.49
- ❖ YTD Budget figures on the financial report have been fixed – they are accurate now.

- ❖ Pastor's Report
 - What's happened: Rally Sunday, Ministry Fair, Bible Study
 - Upcoming in October: potential reformation celebration in October, focus on Mental Health/Special needs in October, and Feed my Starving Children on October 14.
 - Upcoming In November: special preacher coming, Life and legacy event on November 12 after church, and Pastor is on vacation November 20-26
 - Pastor will talk about her trip to Columbia one night in the future

- ❖ Unfinished Business
 - We're still waiting for the thermostats to be installed at the church.
 - Elevator doesn't always work – Ryan Criddle will contact someone to look at it.
 - We need more generic envelopes to put in the pews – Angie will order. We will do another announcement for the automatic/electronic offering option this Fall.
 - The master key listed was reviewed and updated.
 - Utility shed outside church has been shingled – thanks to Tim Johnson for completing this.
 - 3 bids have been obtained for the Parsonage gutters – ABC Seamless, Kirchners, and Gwilt Siding. We will hold off on the gutters until Spring.
 - The trustees will be getting together on October 14 to work on removing the mold in the Parsonage basement.
 - Our attorney reviewed the Bjoraker land lease contract. Per recommendations from our attorney, the Bjoraker land rent agreement will remain in effect for 2018.

- ❖ New Business
 - There is concern from some that Sunday School starts later in the year and Rally Day and start of Sunday School do not correspond on the same day. Council discussed options and looking at other alternatives. We will bring the concern to the Board of Education.
 - Portico notice was received for 2018 health benefits. There will be a 5% increase in health costs.
 - Snow removal bid was received from Wolff and Sons for 2018 season. Dwight Jensen will get 2 other bids for snow removal before a decision is made.
 - The church janitor doesn't have transportation for a couple months to come to church for cleaning. April will check with her about providing transportation. We may need to post for help in the interim.
 - Associated Church has a commercial double refrigerator they would like to donate to Aurora for use at the Diner. We can use this for pies and pop. Stan will contact and let them know we are interested.

- ❖ Next Meeting is Joint Council Meeting on October 18th 6pm at Trinity. Aurora Council will meet afterwards.
- ❖ Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted, Sara Quiggle - Secretary