

Aurora Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting Minutes  
March 16, 2017

The regular monthly meeting of the Aurora Church Council was held on March 16, 2017 at 6:30pm. Those present were: Angie Jensen, Sara Pichner, Pastor Stephanie, Michelle Williams, Paul Korbel, Kayla Paape, April Prestegard, Tim Johnson, Ryan Larson, Dwight Jensen, and Stan Norland.

- ❖ Pastor Stephanie led us in Prayer
- ❖ Secretary's report read & approved
- ❖ Treasurer's Financial reports were reviewed & approved subject to Audit
  - February income \$5,938.92 expense=\$7,233.75 Net loss = (\$1,294.83) Includes Insurance payment, which will be partially reimbursed by WELCA (Diner portion) next month
  - 2/28/17 checking balance = \$3.49
  
- ❖ Pastor's Report
  - What's Happened: Lent started with "Open our lives Lord" theme, Moms Night out was cancelled due to weather, Renew February 26, Continuing Education @ Wartburg on Crisis & Conflict
  - Coming Up: Lent Services, Council Retreat 3/18, Suicide Prevention Class on 3/17, and Holy Week
  
- ❖ Unfinished Business
  - Bjoraker Land Update: Our Attorney is finishing separating the land parcels.
  - Kitchen Floor is complete
    - Final Cost \$5,550 – higher than quote as installer had a large crater in the floor to fix before starting installation
  - Parking Lot: We will have Seykora Asphalt re-bid before next month's meeting and obtain a new bid from LaCanne's Paving.
  - Parking Lot Grant: through Oldham Little Church Foundation
    - First step to the Grant process is submitting a letter of inquiry along with several other requested items (estimate copies, amount requested, Pastor's Story & picture, Statement of Beliefs, Church Statistics, Picture of Parking Lot)
    - Nathele is working on drafting the letter of inquiry
  - Parking Lot Fundraisers: We need to decide if we will run the food stand during the Classic Car Show on July 15. New count estimate is 750 – 800 people. The consensus is we will move forward to run the food stand. We will consider using the Schwan's trailer for stand for refrigeration and heating/cooking purposes. Also discuss possibly having a separate table for other fundraiser sales that day.
  
- ❖ New Business
  - \$2,000 Memorial check received from the Estate of Paul H. Anderson, who was deceased in 2015. Three different churches received fund from his Last Will. Motion made and approved to use \$2,000 toward parking lot project.
  - Church Council Retreat is Saturday March 18 at First Lutheran in Blooming Prairie starting at 9a.m.
  - 501c(3) Info: Nathele did some checking and churches are not required to file for 501c(3) status with the IRS. A church is automatically exempt under the IRS rules. There is a \$875 fee if we choose to apply for 501c(3) status.

- Synod Assembly is May 6-7; looking for volunteers to attend – contact Pastor Stephanie if interested.
  - Church Keys: We updated the list for current key holders; the Trustees need a key to the church - Angie will get more keys made.
  - Church Thermostats need to be replaced. Motion made and approved to replace all three Thermostats.
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- ❖ Next Council Meeting is Wednesday April 19 at 6p.m. This is a Joint Council Meeting at Aurora.
  - ❖ Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted, Sara Pichner – Secretary