

Ascension Lutheran Church of Navarino

Council Minutes

November 15, 2015

Present:

Darrel Klemp, Lisa Wollenberg, Pastor Marcia Sabin, Dave Rohrer, Al Meiers.

Absent: Dennis Fuerst, and John Wudtke.

Guests: Ralph & Jean Mueller, Sue Poole, Arnie, Carol, and Russell Kloes, Glen Peebles.

Devotion & Prayer: President Darrel called the Meeting to Order at 8:02 AM. Ralph Mueller led the group in a brief devotion, and Pastor offered a prayer.

Minutes of 10-18-15: Minutes of the Meeting were sent to Council members prior to this meeting. Motion by Wollenberg, second by Meiers, and the Minutes were approved as published.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Sabin informed that Council that she had made several visitations since the last meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Dennis was absent but provided the Council with a synopsis of the monthly report. On an annualized basis the Congregation is under budget for annual giving. Income over expenses, for the first 10 months of the year, show our income \$5,152 ahead of expenses. Report approved by Rohrer, second by Wollenberg, and approved by a voice vote.

Committee Reports:

Call Committee – The Congregation Profile was completed by the Committee. It will be typed and presented to the Council for final approval before being sent to Synod. Once received by the Synod it will be reviewed for suggested additions, or changes. Then will be circulated to the Pastors in the Synod that are available for call. In addition, it will be sent to all the NALC Pastors that may consider a call. Once replies are received they will be forwarded to us for review. This process could take some time.

Old Business:

- Community Dinner & Food Pantry: Glenn reported that the Community Dinners have been well attended. This month will be a traditional Thanksgiving dinner and is prepared by the Food Pantry members. Dave announced that the Food Pantry has officially been recognized by Feeding America making it possible to pre-order their food, and to buy at exceptionally lower prices. They also have intentions of replacing an old refrigerator with a new one for better efficiency.
- NALC/NALS Update: Current focus is on Missions, there is also a new publication entitled: “Catechism for the Curious”, more information can be obtained on the NALC website (thenalc.org).
- Website: Progress continues. If you have anything you would like to see added, or changes, please contact Heather Goodacre, or Darrel Klemp.
- Projects in Progress: Shed-that project is complete except for the concrete approach. Sign- Ralph Mueller gave us some possible plans. The current location cannot be used because it is in the right of way to the road. Therefore any new sign will be relocated and much higher. No action was taken. Carpeting- Darrel has examined several options, and is obtaining one more before discussion will take place. Some of the sample pricing is: rolled carpeting (\$8,200), carpet tiles (\$11,600), LVT Planking with rolled carpeting (\$ 13,300), and with carpet tiles (\$14,700).
- Lawn Mowing- General opinions were that the volunteers worked well and will continue into next year.

- Cleaning Charges/Wedding Policy- A copy of a proposed policy to update the current policy was presented by Dave. All were asked to review it for next month's meeting.
- Interim Pastor- Pastor Sabin has agreed to serve until 1-1-16, or until we no longer need her services. Thanks Pastor.

New Business:

- Amending our Articles of Incorporation – We have been advised that our Articles will need to be amended. Darrel is awaiting instructions from Synod. This will affect most NALC congregations in the state.
- NALC Mission District Dean change- we have been notified that District has selected Pastor Craig Nehring as the Dean of our District. Pastor is from the Split Rock area.
- Ecumenical Services- We will have our own services this year. They will be held on 12/2, 12/9, and 12/16 all at 7:00 PM. Christmas Services will be 12/24 at both 4:00 and 7:00 PM. (NOTE: THE MINUTES REFLECT THE ACTION TAKEN AT THE MEETING. HOWEVER, AFTER THE MEETING PRES. DARREL FOUND THERE WERE CONFLICTS WITH THE SCHEDULED ADVENT SERVICES – THEREFORE, THE THREE ADVENT SERVICES HAVE BEEN CANCELLED.)

Next Meeting will be December 20, at 8:00 AM.

Adjournment – Motion by Wollenberg, second by Meiers, and a voice vote closed the meeting at 9:10 AM.

Respectfully submitted;

David Rohrer, Secretary