

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH OF NAVARINO

Council Minutes

February 15, 2015

Attendance: John Wudtke, Darrel Klemp, Pastor Jon Paquette, Al Meiers, Dave Rohrer.

Guests: Arnie Kloes

Meeting was called to Order by Pres. Darrel at 8:05 AM.

Pastor Jon lead a brief devotion entitled "The Touch of Jesus".

Pastor's Report: Confirmation Classes will continue during Lent, just in an abbreviated version to accommodate other events during the Lenten season. ASH WEDNESDAY begins on February 18th. Soup Suppers will be held for these Wednesday evenings starting at 6:00 PM, with worship at 7:00 PM. Please come and enjoy the fellowship.

Pastor will be gone on March 5th. Dave Klemp will be leading the Worship, and Steve Conradt will be preaching.

Treasurers' Report – Dennis Fuerst sent a synopsis of the current financial position. Currently we have a deficit with the first month completed. Expenses have been cut as much as possible, and now we must concentrate on the income for the balance of the year. Motion by Wudtke to accept, second by Meiers, motion approved.

Committee Reports –

Education Comm. It appears that the Sunday School is finding success in dividing a lesson into two weeks rather than the previous one week. It allows more teaching time, and the following week re-emphasizes the previous week's lesson. It also allows more things to be added for the enjoyment of the students.

Property Comm. – Lisa Wollenberg, via email, advised that both computers in the Church have been programed with separate "Print" icons that will indicate to the copier whether something is to be printed in all black or color. This will save us money since we pay more for any amount of color on a page. Also the software program the Church utilizes has been updated. (Thanks, Lisa, for your help in that).

Stewardship – It was noted that the last several years we have experienced a shortfall in our giving and there should be a conscious effort to make increases to meet our budgeted expenses.

Old Business –

- Community Dinner Updates – Continue on with great success; each time there appears to be more attending.
- NALC Update – Last Conference was 2-10/12 in Orlando. Fla.
- Food Pantry Update – The Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry has generously increased the \$300 annual donation to \$400 to cover the cost of electricity costs with the addition of their new freezer. We thank them for their generosity.

New Business –

- Custodian's Position – Kris Jensen has decided that for her own reasons she would like to surrender the custodians' position. Council is seeking parties that might be interested to contact Council President Darrel Klemp to let him know of their interest. The Council will be making a decision at their meeting on March 15th. Currently the job pays \$2,163 annually, or about \$180 monthly. It is a job that can be done weekly.
- Copier Contract – The annual contract has been amended and the monthly rate has fallen \$15.74 per month for our agreed upon number of copies, the rate has gone up \$.01 per copy if we exceed the limit.
- New Insurance Agent – We have received notice that the agent for the Church insurance is retiring. Everything else will remain the same; agency staff will be our representative, and the carrier is not changing.
- Website changes – The Church's website is undergoing change/updating thanks to Heather Goodacre. One of the changes to be made is that Council agendas will be published online Wednesdays prior to the Council meetings. So you will be able to see if there is something you may want to attend a meeting for. Also, Minutes from the prior 3 Council Meetings will be available, and older Minutes will be archived for past references. If there is something that you might want Heather to add, please contact her at 920-740-3904.

Next Council Meeting: March 15, 2015 at 8:00 AM

Adjournment - Motion by Dave, second by John, to adjourn at 8:54 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Rohrer, Secretary