**ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**9/12/19**

Present: Pr Bill George, Pam Meek, Ron Easton, Nancy Cramer, and Sara Meyers.

Meeting called to order at 6:37 pm.

**Devotional**

Luke 10. Be Realistic: not all will take to the message but keep going. There is a ripple effect of our words and actions. The key is to find an opening so your words will be received.

**Treasurer’s Report**

The offerings are staying strong. We are still in the black in August. A YTD report will be sent later as Doug was out of town.

**Approval of Minutes**

Last names will be added to minutes. They will be sent to Jean to be posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. Ron moved and Nancy seconded that they be approved with the above changes.

**Pastor’s Report**

There will be a service of healing on 10/20 for St Luke’s day. The book of James discusses this. The church has a role in healing.

The options for greeting and welcoming visitors was discussed. Most people assume this is the minister’s job, but it is everyone’s job. Contact from a lay person is 65-70% more effective than a visit from a minister. The guest book is often considered too public to leave personal information in it. A sample letter was reviewed. Postcards, attendance cards, and attendance sheets were discussed as options that would be kept in a more secure location. A tri-fold brochure would be nice to have in multiple locations: by the guest book, the usher’s table, by the coffee area.

Marie Benz will be asked about the visitors from 9/1/19: Matthew, Debbie, and Homer.

The Smart Plan of Action was discussed. It will be used for team meetings and activities to help us determine why we do something and how we can do it better.

**President’s Report**

**Worship & Music**

**Learning**

Pastor talked about confirmation in Jim’s absence. They are talking to Lisa Melton and Heather Antes with ideas on learning activities for the two confirmation students. They hope to visit churches of other faiths such as a mosque, synagogue, orthodox (Greek, Russian, Serbian), Egyptian Coptic, Nigerian, Croatian, or others. It would be open to any member to attend if they are interested.

**Service**

**Community**

**Property**

**New Business**

**Audit Team**

They will meet on 8/18/19 to audit 2018. Benevolence is a line item paid monthly.