

Nativity Lutheran Church Council Meeting

Minutes Pending Approval

August 9, 2017

Present: Interim Pastor Paul Lutze, David Johnson, Kelly Rogers, Jim New, Audra Bryson, Earl Osborne, Ernadel Sioson

Absent: None

We began our meeting in the loggia at 7:05 PM with Pastor leading us in devotion and prayer.

Minutes from the Council meeting on June 7, 2017 were reviewed and approved. It was noted that items from July were rescheduled for discussion today. Minutes from the Special Congregational Meeting (regarding the formation of a Call Committee) on July 30, 2017 were also reviewed and are pending approval from the congregation.

Financial Report

Jim reviewed our financial report for the month of July. Our total income was \$20,370 and our total expenses were \$28,502, leaving us with a loss of \$8,132 for the month. We discussed preparing fact sheets or other types of communication to share with the congregation when we hear back from Mission Investment Fund about our qualification for a loan to be used to improve our facilities.

Other items during our finance discussion included notes from the August 8, 2017 Audit Committee meeting and a copy of our audit procedure. The committee recommended that our internal audit should include the Nativity Women's Association Fund. A motion was made and approved for this action.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Lutze submitted a written report on his actions from the last month. He shared some potential ideas for upcoming events, including Global Church Sunday

and Reformation Sunday (marking the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation). It was noted that Back to Church Sunday is next month, and Ernadel offered to help distribute mailings for this. Pastor suggested delaying the start of a new confirmation class until our new pastor begins.

Office Report

We reviewed the written report and the attendance report from our office manager Kari Donnelly. She provided updates on the progress that has been made on items included in our Notice of Violation from the City of Palm Beach Gardens, as well as information about a new cleaning company, with a lower rate, that our church could use. Information about our church's golf benefit on October 28th was also distributed at this time.

Old Business

Kelly shared updates from our recent hearing for the Notice of Violation we received from the City of Palm Beach Gardens, with thanks to Eric Hoecker for attending and speaking on our behalf. We received a September 24th extension deadline to complete some of the work that still needed to be done, including the removal of our portable classroom spaces and updates to paving, exterior surfaces, and the dumpster area.

We also discussed our recent letter from the City of Palm Beach Gardens regarding the purchase of our property and some of our potential next steps in following up to this proposal. We would like to survey feelings from the congregation about a potential property sale and utilize legal representation as we meet with city officials to gather more details.

New Business

Our call committee will be meeting on August 15th, and will be installed at the worship service on August 27th.

Kelly shared a preview of our new church website. We plan to use PayPal (the version for nonprofits) on the site.

“Nativity’s Got Talent” has been scheduled for Sunday, September 3rd and will serve as a fundraiser for our youth. Ernadel will be sending more information soon.

Our meeting was adjourned with a closing prayer at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Audra Bryson

Secretary