

St Andrew's Lutheran Church Council Meeting
March 21, 2019, 6:15 pm

St. Andrew's is recognized as a Christian community, celebrating God's love through serving others, and working for peace and justice.

Call to order: 6:15 pm

Devotions: Steve Loucks

Attending: Pastor Jeff Alvestad, Steve Loucks, Kris Parsons, Dave Putz, Al Jergens, Amanda Ahrens, Alice Thompson

Prayers: by Council:

Consent agenda (sent out ahead of time, approved in one vote)

Approval/revision of agenda – motion made to approve consent agenda; motion passed.

Approval of Feb minutes - motion made to approve Feb minutes; motion passed.

Approval of Treasurer's report – Dave Putz

- Financial health of the church is good. Congregational giving (income) is down slightly and is attributed to weather events impacting regular attendance.
- Some shortfall on rental properties are present – role of snow removal from these properties and overall utilities due to the cold are factors; also occupancy in homes and office space at Colorado Junction.
- Pastor Jeff would like to provide a "state of the church" (ie., general fund income) quarterly letter to the congregation – this will be further discussed at next Council meeting under new business.

Motion made to approve the Pastor report; motion passed.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Jeff discussed format of Council meetings and made some suggestions for improving their efficiency. Further discussion will occur at future meetings.

Committee updates:

- Social concerns – weather-related delays
- Education – brainstorming about strategies to improve attendance
- Fellowship – needs assistance for soup summer; Council will assist.
- Pine Ridge trip is delayed until weather/roads improve. Easter breakfast will be happening again - please plan to attend.
- EMF – discussion on endowment and committee members; scholarship applications will be coming out soon.

Old business

- Adult forum schedule – next two Sundays are set; need topic and speaker for April 7.
- Ministry, Movie, and a meal – next activity is April 7 at 6 pm at SALC.
- Audit committee – still working on next meeting and will coordinate with Dave Putz.
- Website – Heather is making good progress on re-designing the website and has sought feedback from Council. Also will request input from Youth Leadership and High school students.

New Business:

- Rental Property Budget Discussion – Dave Putz discussed the current financial situation (shortfall) of income generation from all properties based on discussion and input with Property and Stewardship & Finance committees. Different options are being reviewed to help get through the shortfall. These activities is currently under review; a possible Congregational meeting to discuss these different options was discussed.
- Timeline for consideration of a call committee was briefly discussed. Further discussion tabled until next meeting as Pastor Jeff will seek input from Synod.

Closing Prayer: Steve

Meeting adjourned: 8:20 pm

Apr devotions: Al