

**St Andrew's Lutheran Church Council Meeting**  
**September 19, 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.*

Attendance: Amanda Ahrens, Al Jergens, Steve Loucks, Kris Parsons, Lori Paulson, Dave Putz, Solveig Rice, Gene Tackle, Alice Thompson, Pastor Jeff Alvestad, Blythe Schultz – guest

Call to order: 6:25 pm by Amanda

Devotions: Alice

Prayers: by Council

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

Approval/revision of agenda

Approval of previous minutes

Approval of Treasurer's report – Dave. Financially ahead of where we were. Increases in giving peaked in spring and expenses are continuing.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Jeff

Youth Director's report – Blythe Schultz. Current lessons are based on – Jesus in his least recognizable form (Matthew 25:35-40 - I was hungry, I was thirsty, I was naked, I was in prison, I was sick, I was a stranger).

Committee updates

- EMF – scholarship money was distributed
- Social Concerns – Mary will present Laundry idea.
- Stewardship & Finance – potentially a \$100,000 capital campaign for fan and boiler (need to be aware of potential city rebates). Requests for Budgets will be going out soon.
- Outreach – staffed Welcome event at ISU
- Worship & Arts – no update
- Property – reviewed potential upgrades for the church building
- Pine Ridge – St Andrew members will go to Pine Ridge on September 26-29

Old business

- Breakfast planning – will do some follow-up
- Staffing levels of support
  - Where do we need staffing/are we providing the correct amount of support for our staff?
  - Support needed by Youth leaders – feeling good with the current program, having meals with the kids is helpful to get to know high school and middle school students. Kids show up for Wednesday activities, but many are not able to attend Sunday service.
- Stewardship Campaign – will be similar to last year's approach.

New Business:

- Fundraising request – Request to work at Hilton concessions to be raise funds for Pine Ridge/Tanzania mission projects. Will need 3-4 people or 8–10 people each time, depending on size of stand. Motion made and passed to approve the fundraising request.
- Call committee planning – meeting with Erica from the Synod

Addendum: Council voted electronically to approve motion to allow staff at Friendship Ark to meet with their employees as needed at St Andrews, pending certification naming St Andrews as an additional insured supplied by Friendship Ark.

Closing Prayer: by Amanda

Meeting adjourned: 7:50 pm by Amanda

Oct devotions: Kris