

Meeting Minutes
Peace Lutheran Church Leadership Council
May 14, 2019 6:00 PM

Gathered for devotions and highs and lows. Welcome to Pastor Kim Triplett, our new interim pastor!
Present for meeting: Elizabeth Stevens, Vicar Melissa Woepfel, Pastor Kim Triplett, Crystal Pariseau, Chris Engel, Shannon Hofer, Jennie Carter, Russ Strait, Jon Williams, John ElizaBeth McCay, Sue Mueller.
Absent: Doug Price

Election of Officers: council unanimously elected: Doug Price as President, Jon Williams as Vice President, and Sue Mueller as Secretary for the 2019-2020 council year.

Old Business

1. Review and approval of any outstanding minutes: March minutes were reviewed and approved. Congregational meeting minutes were posted on the council bulletin board.

New Business

1. Voices of the Congregation - none
2. Personnel Committee Appointment - The current committee is ElizaBeth McCay, Kara Mathews, and Terri Voight. Kara's term is expiring, and she is willing to continue serving another three years. Terms are staggered each year. Council unanimously appointed Kara Mathews for another term.
3. Audit Committee Appointment (Dan Kvetko for a full term, Larry Craig willing to fulfill Darrell's tenure). Current committee is Darrell Stoll, Larry Craig, and John Schmidt. Darrell has asked to step down, and Larry Craig, whose term is ending, has agreed to complete Darrell's term. Dan Kvetko agreed to serve a three year term. Council unanimously appointed Larry and Dan to the audit committee. It was suggested that the council president speak to Larry about the potential need for another audit team member and about speaking to St. Mark's about an audit swap this year, as we have not had an outside audit in years.
4. Appoint the Financial and Assistant Financial Secretaries: Tom Czelusta and Shannon Hofer are willing to continue in their roles, Tom as financial secretary and Shannon as assistant financial secretary. Council unanimously appointed Tom and Shannon.
5. Pastoral Associate and Youth Leader Update (Melissa and Jennie)

Jennie: We had one service and fellowship this past Sunday to celebrate confirmation of two youth and Melissa's last day with us. ☺ Middle school youth group is done for the year, and senior high youth group is finishing this week. The school food backpack program still in swing, serving 10 children plus one new IRC (International Rescue Committee) family of 10 from Africa. The nursery volunteer is no longer able to help, so we need a new nursery worker; the personnel committee posted the position already and will be reviewing applications soon. We have three faithful volunteers trying to fill the gap.

This Sunday is the last Create Peace. The one year grant that Pastor Lauren obtained for this program is almost over. Our goals of faith formation and community outreach were successful, but attendance was disappointing. The team will consider the future of this program. Jenn Brannock was chair; the team consisted of Pam Tomko, ElizaBeth McCay, Elizabeth Stevens, Betsy Martin, Grace and Karen Koehler, Jennie Carter, and Vicar Melissa.

The Creation Care Team (Elizabeth Stevens, Jeff and Sally Waldon, Bob McAdams, Jennifer Lewis, Lisa and Bruce Glasco, Bryant Manrique, Doug and Lydia Price) are continuing their work. They are

wrapping up the LEAP Energy Challenge and have rescheduled the church outdoor clean-up for June 9 at 2pm. Thanks to Melissa for her work on this team.

Children's time ministry: Melissa has asked for a volunteer to coordinate for next year, starting in the fall. Thank you to Melissa for coordinating this year.

Our playground was vandalized a couple weeks ago. Some play equipment was permanently damaged and one bench was taken from the columbarium area. John Voight and Clark Yarbrough worked to repair what they could. The big plastic play structure probably needs to be replaced. We might consider a motion detection camera or light. David Pedrick sent John info about a camera. John will look into cost of lights, cameras and then we will inform the congregation and perhaps ask for a special offering to pay for this. It was suggested that we have signs that say that the playground is under surveillance, whether it is or not.

Carpets, especially in the fellowship hall, need to be cleaned. AA agreed to pay for half of the cost. Council agreed to allow Teresa to engage a company to do this.

6. Financial update (Chris)

April 2019 was a positive month with income of \$23,700 and expenses as expected, less pastoral compensation. We are current through the end of April. April's net income is \$4642, \$22,284 for the year; we have cash in the bank totaling \$47K, (\$27K in designated funds). Chris would like to clean up unused restricted accounts; less than half are active, so Chris will discuss with those involved. We asked Chris and Shannon to put financial updates in context to the budget each month in the e-zine and Spirit of Peace (SOP).

7. Constitution team: Shannon, Elizabeth, and John will take this on. They will decide how to present the changes to the constitution and set dates for town hall meetings, the second reading, and the congregational vote.
8. Set date to change check signing card at SunTrust – Chris will organize.
9. Bible Purchase for pews. We need more Bibles and hymnals! We have offered that people can take them, and the number of Bibles in the pews are low. Teresa suggests we purchase 35 new bibles for \$11 each. There are several older memorial funds which are not yet designated, so Pastor Kim will speak to a few of these families to see if they would like to sponsor this purchase with any remaining funds.
10. Coffee with council - Russ suggested resuming Coffee with Council, an intentional time between services that the congregation can speak to council members. We will do this the first Sunday of each month. Russ will organize council members to run the coffee hour and will make sure there is a notice in the e-zine and SOP each month.
11. Call Committee – David Thompson sent an update to council. They completed the consolidated responses from the congregational survey and are starting the Mission Site Profile (MSP). They hope to present a draft MSP to council soon; we suggest that they send it to council members one week before our next meeting. We are reminded by Pastor Kim that we cannot share the results of the draft MSP with anyone. We discussed how and when to involve/inform the congregation of the results of the MSP, perhaps with a town hall meeting.

Closing Prayer – Melissa

Next meeting: Tuesday, June 11, 2019, 6pm. Devotion: Jon Williams.