

LHELC Council Minutes – 2/21/18

Attendees

Pastor Matt Pfeifer
Dave Froehlich, President
Steve Winecke, Elder
Brandon Otto, Treasurer
Mark Behl, Secretary

Opening Devotion and Prayer

Pastor Pfeifer began with opening prayer;

Pastor's Report

Pastor Pfeifer reviewed the Pastor's Report, including:

- Attendance, where January 2018 attendance was favorable to 2017 by +11%;
- Christian Education, where Sunday Bible class will study the means of grace in Lent;
- Sudanese Ministry, where Pastor is attending the WELS Global South Sudanese meeting in February;
- Eritrean Ministry, where there was a misunderstanding with a prospective new member, emphasizing the need to be more welcoming of visitors;
- Other, where Pastor attended the Southern Pastors' Conference in West Des Moines;

Financial Report

The Council reviewed January financial information. January Net Income (Loss) was (-1,441.02). Frontloading of expenses included the health insurance deductible, \$5,400, which all occurred in January. Total cash balance as of January 31 was \$205,599.72.

The Sudanese fund has been removed from the Dedicated Funds list in the monthly Finance Report and replaced with a specific budget line.

Trustees

Mr. Froehlich provided an update on the railing for the front of church. He and Jon looked at a railing at a bank and believe a similar railing will work for the church. The intent is to install an ADA-compliant railing, which includes 12 inches at the top and bottom of the stairs. We are unsure of timing. We also need to establish a price and an appropriate trail of documentation with regard to its installation.

Mr. Froehlich also provided an update on the cross tower. We received a quote for removing it, in its entirety, in the amount of \$9,000. We do not have a quote to fix the existing damage.

Elders

No items were discussed.

Stewardship

No items were discussed.

Fellowship

The Council discussed potential fellowship options, including game night and a progressive meal. The Council agreed that summer would likely be better timing for the next fellowship event(s), as the spring calendar is very full.

Evangelism

Mr. Winecke provided an update on Easter for Kids. The plan is to get the families and parents more involved this year. We are looking for volunteers.

Education

No items were discussed.

Old Business

Mr. Froehlich further discussed the long-term planning session on date of March 17, 2018. He and Pastor Pfeifer have been working on an agenda, which will be distributed. The member list was distributed amongst the Council members, who will reach out to the members and invite them to the session.

The Tech Team is continuing to work on running a cable to the TV in the Bible Study room.

New Business

The Council discussed the pay for the substitute and visiting pastors. The Council agreed to increase the rate to \$200 for an entire morning (two services and Bible class) and \$150 for two services (no Bible class).

Next Meeting Date

Next meeting date will be Wednesday, March 21, at 8pm.
The next open forum will be on Sunday, March 25 at 9am.

Closing

The Council closed the meeting with the LORD's Prayer.