

**Minutes
Maricopa Lutheran Church
Congregational Council Meeting
February 19, 2017**

Present: President Roger Smith, Vice President Sharon Mros, Carol VanBatavia, Sue Fletcher, Richard Rohde, Carolyn Barden, Gary Decker, Barbara Nybakken, Kathie Miller Secretary

Absent: Pastor Glenn Zimbelman, Peter Rathfelder

Meeting called to order by President Roger Smith.

Opening devotion by Barb Nybakken from "Jesus Calling", also prayer.

Secretary's Minutes: Motion to approve secretary's minutes by, Barb Nybakken, second, Gary Decker, motion passed

Treasures report from Jan. 2017 accepted.

Committee Reports:

Council and committee member retreat/planning will be held March 11, 2017 at the Villages from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. for committees and 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. for council only. It was decided that everyone would bring their own sack lunch and water will be provided. Approximately 20 people are expected to attend.

Building Committee, Gary Decker reported that there will be a meeting with the sellers of the property of interest, this coming Tues. Feb. 21. On Tues. the committee will also meet with Jeff Spahn, consultant from Mission Investment Fund.

Evangelism reported on the food drive being held this week by some members of MLC to their local areas. This food will be brought to church Feb. 26. Sue will put a note in the Blast that all church family are invited to bring canned goods this coming Sunday.

Old Business:

Building Finance Committee still needs more year around members. There are a couple of pending possibilities.

New Business:

Our global outreach group is working on a plan to sponsor a church in Tanzania. Dianna Smith has a contact there for a new start-up church, Ebenezer Lutheran. Council is exploring with the outreach group on ways to support this mission. There are

a few possibilities. It was suggested that each of the 4, '5 Sunday' months we designate the Hunger Jar money for that mission.

It was also reported that after May 1 the Maricopa Food Pantry may no longer be in service. There was discussion of different uses for the hunger jar money after that date depending on the outcome of the food pantry's future.

During Lent a special program will take place where special 'barn banks' will be given out at church to be filled with change during Lent. This money also will be used for mission outreach.

Next Meeting: March 11 at the retreat

Motion to adjourn made by Carol VanBatavia, second by Carolyn Barden, motion passed.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer

Respectfully submitted,
Kathie Miller, Secretary