

Minutes
Maricopa Lutheran Church
Congregational Council Meeting
March 11, 2017

Meeting was called to order by President Roger Smith at noon.

Those present were: President Roger Smith, Vice President Sharon Mros, Pastor Glenn Zimbelman, Carol Van Batavia, Sue Fletcher, Richard Rohde, Carolyn Barden, Gary Decker, Barbara Nybakken, Peter Rathfelder and Kathie Miller, Secretary.

There was one guest present, Gwen Marsh

Pastor Glenn gave an opening devotion and prayer.

Secretary minutes: Motion made to approve by Sharon Mros, second by Gary Decker. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was approved as presented, motion made by Barbara Nybakken, second by Carol VanBatavia, approved.

Today was the Council/Committee Chairman Retreat before the council meeting. We had 14 present for this retreat. Peter Rathfelder will provide a report to the council of the mission ideas generated at the retreat. There was some continued discussion from that meeting regarding our mission outreach programs currently in place as a church and what new areas we can serve, our God, our church community and our surrounding community. A big area of concern is the likely closing of the Maricopa Food Pantry.

Pastor Glenn will check with the Mountain View Community church on Papago Rd. as to how they handle their food pantry and discuss how the closing of the pantry here in Maricopa will affect them. Council will then see how we can better use the Hunger Jar money to serve Maricopa's needs.

Our Global Outreach group have recommended that we pair with our sister synod in Iowa to adopt a new Lutheran Church in Tanzania, Africa, Ebenezer Lutheran, to help them build their church and or how we can support their ministry.

- A motion was made by, Sharon Mros and seconded by Barbara Nybakken, to use the Hunger Jar monies received on the 5- Sunday months (4 per year), to begin this mission outreach. Motion carried.

The money will be sent to the Iowa sister Synod to distribute to Ebenezer Lutheran in Tanzania. Dianna Smith has a direct connection with this mission and helped bring this to our church.

Pastor's Report is attached: In additional explanation Pastor shared the **Building Committee's** meeting with Jeff Spahn was very helpful. Jeff gave recommendations for our church and the future **Building Finance Committee**, once our land has been purchased. One big suggestion was to have a professional handle fund raising for the building of the church. Pastor has 3 possible church lay-out plans to give a sense of how the church will appear on the land on Porter if we should purchase it. The sellers are still very interested in us buying this land. They have not yet met with the city.

One more person is needed on the **Building Finance Committee** who is a full-time resident.

Pastor also said we will be having a presentation from the Grand Canyon, Fiesta Conference representative, Barbara Carl to our church.

Finally, he reminded us that we should begin now making plans for our 5th Anniversary, February 2018. If we want the Bishop to speak that needs to be on his calendar soon.

New Business:

In preparation for cancelling our climate control storage shed we need to clean out the other one of unnecessary accumulation. Several of the committee chairs at the meeting offered to go help clean that one on March 23 at 8:00 a.m. (be sure to bring garbage bags) Sue Fletcher has offered space in her home to store the items that need to be in climate control and as we clean up the other shed there will be more room for additional storage there.

The budget committee needs two people to do the audit. Roger Smith said he would look into it.

Also, need to ask the church if someone is willing to become property manager. Since Henry Eslinger is gone we do not have anyone doing that. Del has been taking care of the van service etc. but there should be someone else to do this and also manage the storage unit.

- Motion to adjourn was made by Sharon Mros, second, Gary Decker, motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 1:20 p.m.