

## Leadership Council August 20, 2018

**Present:** Harley Butler (via phone), Janet Carter (via phone), Grant Ellingson, John Koppen, Jim Krueger, Ed Melchi, John Woodring Minutes by Mary Osen

**Excused:** Bonny Bjorkedal, Valerie Kneller, Pr. Walter Still

The meeting was called to order at 4:00pm with a quorum present.

**DEVOTIONS** led by Grant Ellingson.

### STORIES OF PEACE

1. John Woodring, John Koppen and Jim Krueger commented on the SAS trip to Tampa on 8/4. Jim was pleased that we had such good representation from Leadership Council (John Woodring, Jim Krueger, Ed Melchi, Pr. Walter, Mary Osen). John Koppen commented that he felt the information was useful and that PLC was in a good place to move forward with this because of the work done with our Strategic Plan. John Woodring thanked everyone who was able to attend for their time and input and we are moving forward with required materials and will do more as Pr. Walter returns.

2. Jim shared that he is pleased with the strength of giving we've been blessed with over the summer months and also that attendance each Sunday has stayed between 90-100, which is much higher than it has been historically.

4. Staff developed an evaluation form to give to attendees at events. One of the questions is "How have you seen God work through this ministry?" We hope to get input from people in this way to hear more stories of how our ministries are impacting them.

**MINUTES AND REPORTS** – were unanimously accepted as written.

**OLD BUSINESS** – "Let's Share Dinner" October 17<sup>th</sup> theme is Pr. Appreciation. The Council will be leading this event and Janet volunteered to be the team lead. A couple ideas were shared: ask Pastor what type of food he would like; or doing a Pastor Pasta dinner where we would have a spaghetti feed or pasta varieties. More detailed planning will be done at the next meeting and in September.

**NEW BUSINESS** – Loan Refinancing – Jim shared that we had been approved with Thrivent to roll our two loans together with a 20 year fixed rate of 4.95%. Our payment each month would be reduced from \$11,500 to \$9,200 for an annual savings of approximately \$24,000. 1% origination fee (\$14K) will be charged and rolled into the loan amount. We will have some incidental closing costs as well. We'll hold a special Congregational meeting to offer a vote to members. The date for this meeting will be decided upon Pastor's return. 10% of voting members will need to be present; we'll have separate colored ballots for voting and associate members. Jim Krueger made a motion to ok the application for refinance to congregation for vote as outlined in Thrivent letter. Grant seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

### GOALS OF MEETING

1. **Stewardship For All Seasons discussion** – John Woodring explained to the group that the promotional material for the campaign is predesigned and we will supply content and pictures. At the Tampa meeting, a theme of "Celebration of Progress-Growing Through Generosity" was favored. Our goal is to re-establish reserves of \$50K, Fund a Senior Center for \$25K, expand the Seasonal Pastor ministry at \$25K and 10% tithe of contributions to ELCA/SAS. (Total of \$110K). Timeline for our SAS campaign is February 2-3, 2019, so all printed material should be ready for process by December 1, 2018.

We'll likely rollout an end of year "catch up" ask (possibly via FlockNote or newsletters) in late September or early October.

Meeting adjourned at 5:01pm.

Submitted by: Mary Osen

Approved by: Jim Krueger

**Calendar/Events** – Sept devotions – John Woodring

Sept Counting assistant – Grant Ellingson

Executive Committee Mtg- 9/11, 1:30pm

Council Meeting 9/17, 4pm

“Let’s Share Dinner” Pastor Appreciation

10/17, 5pm