

KOG 18 October 2016 Administrative Council Meeting Minutes

Present: Bob Bower, Scott Whitney, Carol McDivitt, Leo Salazar, Karen Miller, Len Koch, Tom Alpert, Ted Schmidt and Pastor Ruth Ann.

Carol opened the meeting with devotions. Leo provided refreshments.

The minutes of the September Council meeting were presented. The **minutes were approved as presented.**

Treasurer Report. Carol presented the September financial information. September was not a strong month but October looks better. 2017 budget requests have been very responsible. Two significant events have impacted the budget planning. Sprint has cancelled its antenna lease and an annuity income will cease to pay. A discussion ensued as to how to generate income to support a budget deemed necessary for the congregation for 2017. The general consensus was reasonable expenses for 2017 should be projected at approximately \$400,000. Rather than examining ways to cut that budget amount, it would be better to encourage the congregation to increase giving to meet that level. Individual budget line items were reviewed. **New items for 2017** included text giving, seed money for new ministries, the website, new bookkeeping software, adult education, and faith milestones. After acknowledging the merits of these items and the need to encourage the congregation to support the level of giving necessary to support them, a **motion was made by Karen, seconded by Len to propose a budget to the congregation for 2017 of approximately \$393,735 in expenses and income of \$400,000.** After further discussion, the **motion passed.** Carol will finalize the numbers for presentation to the Congregation at the annual meeting.

Team Reports.

Property. Concrete work in the outdoor worship area will be done soon. While the sound system remains a topic of discussion, the budget does not include anything for repair or replacement.

Communications - Len reported the **sign** still is tentatively scheduled to be installed the week of October 10. A combined team effort continues to work on the new **website** with Madwire.

Pastor gave her report. It was another extremely busy month with extensive pastoral care. Personnel team may have a new team leader identified.

Worship has completed planning the Advent and Christmas season plan. The **Christmas Pageant** is set for December 18th between services.

Scott updated Council on the **nominating committee** status. Nominees for positions need to be finalized by the November council meeting.

Technology Team –Bob reported we may be the recipient of a grant from TechSoup providing numerous software licenses at a greatly reduced cost.

The synod has provided information about **amendments to the Model Constitution and By-Laws** that is recommended for adoption by the congregation for our Constitution and By-laws. Leo and Pastor will work on a presentation of a proposed amendment.

A **Prayer Vigil** will be offered in the Centrum on election day. Pastor will put together the details.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 15th.

Refreshments will be provided by Karen.

Devotion to be provided by Tom.