

## **KOG Council Meeting**

**Mission: As God's people, graced by differences, nurtured by the Spirit and gifted to serve, we invite and welcome all to grow in faith.**

**June 12, 2018** The meeting was in session at 6:35 PM

Attending: Pastor Ruth Ann, Joe Asmus, Eric Backsen, Leo Salazar, Ted Schmidt, Carol McDivitt, Pat Johnson, and Nancy Judson. Absent: Lee Holmquist.

**Secretary Report-** (Nancy) Minutes in Dropbox. **Pat-Motion, Ted-Second:** accept the May 8, 2018 minutes as corrected to indicate that the annexation committee will be rolled into the property committee. **Motion approved.**

**Treasurers Report:** (Carol) Report in Dropbox. The final bill for the annexation has been paid. Recommends paying campus ministry and Sky Ranch the budgeted \$1000 each at this time. There has been no established time to pay them other than at some time during the year. While Carol is out of town, July 7-15, Eric will be available to sign checks. Treasure report approved as presented.

Guest presenter: Pastor Carlos Schneider spoke about the ELCA Ammparo program [www.elca.org/ammparo](http://www.elca.org/ammparo) and how he has been involved in supporting immigrant children as they are moved through the court processes when separated from parents or when they come to the US seeking asylum or refugee status. Pr. Carlos asks us to think about how KOG might become involved in this support. Council appreciates the information that Pr. Carlos provided and will discuss this further at a future meeting.

**Team Reports—those not listed did not have a report for June.**

**Finance:** (Carol)

The team will meet in July to work on a flow chart for expenses.

**Infrastructure/Property:** (Ted)

No report for Infrastructure but Ted summarized congregational discussion of the security system. Council discussed the various options and the needs for procedures and policies to be in place. **Pat – Motion, Leo-Second** that KOG proceed with the \$20,277.35 bid from Commercial Security. This motion passed. This bid will not include the additional options discussed, but will give us a solid base of security and any necessary updates may be discussed in the future. Carol recommends that a line item be added to the budget for security.

**Pastor's Report:** (Pastor Ruth Ann) Report will be in the drop box. Her report included discussion about the presentation of the House of Neighborly Service letter indicating concerns related to changes in the bylaws as voice by KOG membership. Pat presented a draft of the letter and after review by Eric and Pastor Ruth Ann; the letter will be presented to Trinity and Zion to see if they wish to sign off as well.

This letter will then be sent to HNS board and a copy will be sent to the Loveland newspaper. Pastor Ruth Ann will notify Gloria from HNS that the letter will be on the way.

NOTE: Following the council meeting, Trinity and Zion chose not to sign the letter, so the letter will be presented from KOG only.

Pastor also presented on behalf of the **Personnel** team: Joe J. will be leaving his role in faith formation at KOG on the last weekend of July. An opportunity for the congregation to collect a thank you gift for Joe will be announced. With the leaving of Joe, the internship for Courtney and the resignations within the music department, the personnel team will be meeting to discuss future options.

A Michael Peterson concert has been booked for November 30, 2018. A household from KOG has provided a gift of \$500 which will cover the cost of flights and part of the hotel cost for Michael Peterson.

The council agrees that there will be no increase in building usage fee for Mountain Song Music to continue use of KOG the space for another contract period. Fees are charged on a per hour basis.

July 15 is the date of a Loveland pastor pulpit exchange and church picnic. Pastors Sonja and Joel from Zion will be preaching at KOG that weekend. Pastor Ruth Ann will be at Trinity and Pastor Chris will be at Zion. Courtney will have opportunities to preach in June and August at KOG, prior to leaving on her internship at Zion.

**Stephen Ministry:** (Pastor Ruth Ann)

The congregation will pay for leader's training for Nancy French out of the new ministry fund.

**Outreach/World Hunger /Christmas Bazaar:** (Leo )

All vendors have signed up for the Christmas Bazaar.

**Glory Garden:** (Leo)

Leo expressed thanksgiving for the support of the congregation and council for the Glory Garden. The watering system and spigot have been wonderful. Additionally, the Glory Garden has been approved as a Monarch Butterfly Waystation due to the intentional addition of plants that support butterflies and bees. A sign will be posted in the garden to recognize this accomplishment.

**Van:** (Nancy)

Paul Judson has been in communication with Jake Jacoby and met with Pastor Ruth Ann. Research is going forward regarding the possibility of purchase of a vehicle that supports the congregation.

**Closing Devotion:** Leo closed with thoughts from Saint Irenaeus of Lyon. His focus was on the Holy Spirit and how we receive the "Dew" of the Holy Spirit through Baptism.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40. The next meeting will be at the call of the chair and will be a visionary meeting. Eric will provide the snacks.