

**Salem Church of Darmstadt
Council Minutes
February 13, 2017**

Present: Lee Slater, Brad Willner, Eldon Scott, Mary Farney, Kristi Wilzbacher, Linda Thomas, Bruce Baldson, Kent Mann, and John Stock.

Others Present: Pastor David, Lori Feil, Bruce and Sarah Stratman.

Lee Slater called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pastor David gave the devotion "God's Leaders are Concentrated."

Lee welcomed the new council members: Eldon Scott, Linda Thomas, and John Stock.

Bruce Stratman has completed an in-depth examination of the church's computing environment. He presented this to the council. This will assist with remote access to the church office accounting system to enable Lori to work on payroll and accounting from her home. Bruce addressed the goals of the church computer systems. Brad made a motion to proceed with the plan. Mary second the motion. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was distributed. Lori has moved the funds as directed. The report was accepted as printed.

The minutes for January 9, 2017 was read. Bruce made a motion to accept the minutes and Eldon second. Motion carried.

This month's mission payment will be to EVV Area Community of Churches-Weekday for \$800.

Old Business

The Trustee's reported that they have the final price on the steeple repair from Joe and it will be a 2-day project. There is 2 years on the boiler maintenance agreement with JE Shekell and they are looking into this.

The Safe Church update is progressing well.

John Gross will be forming sub-committees with the Long Range Planning Committee.

Ric Grant will have a firm estimate for the parsonage windows when he returns and work will be done this this spring.

New Business

Communion will be March 5 and Lee will assist with communion on Ash Wednesday. Council meetings have always been the first Monday of the month. Lee asked that we review this to see if we could hold it on a different night of the week since this is Pastor David's day off. This was the only night that fit everybody's schedule. Pastor David said this was ok with him. Meetings will be at 6:00 p.m.

Brad and Eldon will review the greeter's schedule for the 10 am service.

A chairman is still needed for the Smoke Pork and Chicken Dinner. Lee is going to check to see if anyone is interested. If he has no response, he will chair it along with the council.

A review of the job descriptions of the paid positions for the church will be made.

Lori Schmidt said that the BOCE needs one member to serve a one-year term. Eight members were just installed and that is what the Constitution states there should be. We need clarification on this.

The picnic tables in the playground have been spray painted by vandals. Rick Johnson will paint them. We will reach out to the Sheriff's Department for patrols.

Mary has been working on the Memorial Fund.

Lee will meet with Sue between now and end of month to review the secretary's position.

Pastor David said the special offering during lent will go to the Tri-State Food Bank.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Thomas
Secretary