

**Salem Church of Darmstadt
Council Minutes
September 11, 2017**

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

Others Present: Pastor David, Lori Feil, Jean Baresic, and Rick Johnson.

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

Pastor David gave the devotion from Acts 6:3 and a prayer.

Jean Baresic said the 2017 Chicken Supper was the last one she and Steve would chair. She wanted to meet with the Council and share her thoughts with us. She has a very detailed notebook and CD that will be in the church office. There is also notes from the previous years. She will be glad to do the art work, posters, labels, etc. in the future.

Rick Johnson reported that the 2017 Fall Festival will be his last one to chair. Major work has been done on the booth to bring it up to code. We are going into the Fall Festival \$495 in the red.

Rick is concerned about the lack of volunteerism in the church. We need to cultivate leaders for them to step up and take an active part in the church.

Rick will not be helping with the garden in the future.

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed with Lori. The report was accepted as printed. The Chicken Supper's net profit stands at \$10,269. The bill for the signs has not been received yet. Lori has the chart of accounts set up in the new computer system and is very pleased. The mission payment for September will be \$2,000 to Freedom Ministries Int.-Hilgeman's.

The Secretary's Report for August was reviewed and accepted as printed.

A thank you was received from World Vision for \$1500.

Old Business

The steeple repair is getting very close to being finished.

Drywall work in the parsonage will start September 12 at 8:00 a.m. Joe Hisch will do this for \$1400.

John Gross has been meeting with the Long Range Planning Committee. Dan Alcorn has been added to the committee. There will be congregational meetings in October to present their recommendations. The committee needs \$2,000 for preliminary work. One thousand dollars is needed for preliminary location drawings for use in small group meetings and \$1,000 for code search to see if there are any issues if the Jr. Church area is used as an

entry to the Contemporary Service location when altar is in west position. Eldon Scott made a motion to fund this and John Stock seconded. Motion carried.

New computers and the printer have been installed in the office. The next phase will be the running of the CAT 6 cable to locations throughout the church and buildings. David Lundy, Bruce Stratman, Bruce Balsdon, and Dave Welte will do this.

The membership software update was discussed. We will budget for this next year.

We will continue to review options for the Fall Festival 2018.

Fall Work Day will be October 21. Bruce is working on the Ark. The top is very moldy. The Trustees will have projects to complete.

New Business

Communion will be October 1.

Lee and Lori have been in contact with Terry Martin of Schulteis Insurance regarding the Church's policy. The current provider has increased premiums and Terry is working on options and we will be switching providers.

Holly will be out of the office on Monday, October 9, and she will make up her time the remainder of the week.

The 2018 Proposed Budget Review will be scheduled after the November 13 Council Meeting. The Congregational Budget Meeting will be set for December 3 with December 17 as the snow date.

A review with paid employees will be set for early December.

After the October Council Meeting we will have a Nominating Committee Meeting.

Pastor David was concerned about the services on Christmas Eve since it is on a Sunday this year. We will have one service at 10:00 a.m. with no communion and Christmas Eve services at 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. with communion.

The BOCE has questioned who pays the \$10 fee for the Safe Church training when someone attends. The Council will pay for it.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Thomas
Secretary