

**Salem Church of Darmstadt
Council Minutes
March 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 and Lori Feil.

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

Pastor David gave the devotion from Matthew 27, "God forsaken places that people have been."

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed with Lori. The report was accepted as printed.

The mission payment for March will be \$1,550.00 to Habitat for Humanity-Evansville.

The Secretary's Report for February 3, 2017 was reviewed. Mary made a motion to accept the minutes and Bruce second. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Albion Fellows Bacon Center acknowledged receiving \$750.00 and Danielle Winslow \$2,000.00 for her mission trip.

Old Business

The Trustee's reported that the cost for the steeple repair will be around \$27,000 and the person doing it is kind of "wishy-washee" about when it will be done.

Two dates have been scheduled for the Safe Church Update: April 20 and April 29. The Elders need to go to the training. Any costs will be covered.

There is no update from the Long Range Planning Committee.

Bruce and Ric Grant will measure the windows in the Parsonage at 10:00 a.m. on March 20. Installation will be the end of the month to the first of April.

Pastor David reported that everything has been ordered for the computer and network upgrades. He put it on his credit card and we will reimburse him.

New Business

The next Communion will be April 2. If you cannot attend, please let Lee know.

Lee presented gift cards from the Love Fund for \$250 from Schnucks and \$250 from Target to Leah and Russel Dick. They were very appreciative.

Lee has given Rick Johnson the confirmation that the Council is fine with him planting a garden this year. He gave him the Council's approval and support.

Lee has met with Sue Peterson about the secretary's position. Sue is more than happy and willing to pursue this position on a full time schedule. She wants to work out a schedule that will work with everybody.

Lee has talked to Sue and Lori and would like for them to document their tasks and work on a daily or weekly basis so that a job description can be made up for their jobs. This will also be done for the janitorial staff, organist, and choir director.

Mary and Eldon have measurements for a Communion Table for the Contemporary Service. This will be made by the Amish.

The floors in the hall, bathrooms, and kitchen will be cleaned March 16. Bruce and John will move things after the Seniors on March 15.

Pastor David and Sue will be off during Spring Break. Rev. Jay Warren will fill in on March 26 and Gordon Jones and Paul Seburg will also be available if needed.

The Evangelism Committee has questioned if our money would be better spent to discontinue the ads in the newspaper on Easter and Christmas and buy micro ads on Facebook. The Council would support it.

Lee met with Mike and Marcia Lynn regarding the Pork Loin/Smoked Chicken Dinner. They are willing to help. The date will be May 6, 2017. Lee will chair it along with the following Co-Chairmen:

Kitchen - John and Linda
Dining - Christie
Smoker - Butch Kuester
Parking - Kent
Carry-Out - Bob Akin
Clean-Up - Brad
Country Store - Mary
Raffle - Eldon

We will have a meeting to finalize the plans for the Supper after church on March 26. With everyone's help, we can make this a success.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Thomas
Secretary