

## Salem Church of Darmstadt

### Council Minutes

March 11, 2019

Present: Eldon Scott, Elaine Daniels, Linda Thomas, Linda Epperson, Susan Straub, John Stock, Dave Lundy, Stew Hall

Others Present: Pastor David, Lori Feil

Eldon Scott called the meeting to order at 6PM.

Pastor David opened the meeting with devotion of Joseph choosing acceptance rather than rejection and a prayer.

Lori Feil reviewed the treasurer's report and the council accepted as printed. Eldon presented a schedule of benevolence payments. Linda Thomas made the motion to adopt the schedule, Elaine Daniels seconded and motion carried. Lori Feil will look into the Christ for India donation as this may be the 10<sup>th</sup> year. Pastor David will contact the organization and report back to council/congregation. Marcia Lynn will be the backup for Lori as needed.

Secretary's Report: Motion to approve made by Linda Epperson and seconded by Elaine Daniels. Minutes accepted as submitted.

#### **Old Business:**

Dave Lundy updated status on insurance and company doing the roof/siding repairs. Slate roof is still available; shingles and siding are no longer made. Negotiation with the insurance company is slowly moving forward.

John Stock compared trash service companies by containers, fees and pick up. Council decision by agreement is to continue current contract.

Elaine Daniels sought more input into Youth Director Position. Job description updated with benchmarks, salary, and qualifications to perform job. Job will be posted and interview panel is in place.

Elaine also reported some alternatives to a live band for 11:30 service. Money is available from a donation to pursue possibilities.

The annual church calendar will appear in each Echo and the bulletin one time per month. Dates for the church budget meeting and date of caroling have been changed.

Stew Hall announced 9 families have volunteered to house boys for the Land of Lakes Boys Choir visit in June. Volunteers will be required to view the safe church policy video. More updates to follow.

Communion squares for communion seemed well accepted and will continue.

**New Business:**

More information is needed before additions to safe church policy will be made.

Concerns voiced for the 11:30 church set up. Solutions discussed and to be trialed in future.

Electronic stapler purchased for use with church directory, annual report, etc.

Sample of new church directory circulated to council. New format is professional and user friendly. Discussion followed on procedures for updating directory annually with supplements after new member Sundays with pictures of new members and any additional changes of address, email, phone, etc. for all others.

Linda Epperson suggested meeting with usher captains so that all ushers understand responsibilities. Elaine will organize meeting.

An invitation will be extended to a missionary working with Canadian and US Indians to present to church this summer.

Electronic key system for church doors discussed. Trustees will investigate possibilities.

Thank you notes for donations were received from Evansville Christian Life Center, Evansville Rescue Mission, Dream Center and Weekday Christian Education. A letter from the Evansville/Vanderburgh Library assured no further transgender story hours are scheduled for 2019.

By mutual agreement, council decided to change meeting time to 6:30PM.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Straub

Secretary