

# Salem Church of Darmstadt

## Council Minutes

August 12, 2019

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

Others Present: Pastor David, Lori Feil

Eldon Scott called the meeting to order at 6:30PM.

Pastor David gave the devotion on Action and Reflection, followed by prayer.

Treasurer's Report: reviewed with Lori Feil.

Secretaries Report: Linda Thomas made motion to approve and Stew Hall seconded. Minutes approved as written.

### **Old Business:**

Sanctuary/Parish Roof: SCARPros is providing a form to demand appraisal from insurance company. SCARPros has taken additional pictures of roof which insurance company has not seen.

Lightning Damage: Dave Lundy reported sound system has been repaired. Dave has been making several repairs to outside lighting (path, flagpole, sign) which will be submitted to insurance. The entry light (dusk to dawn light) is no longer available, so different light needed. Phone system has also been erratic since lightning strike and parts no longer available for this system. Elaine Daniels made the motion to purchase new phone system for approximately \$3300 and Stew Hall seconded. The motion carried. A portable phone will also be added. This purchase will also be turned into the insurance company. The security system is working.

Parking Lot: Patching the parking lot must be completed before painting new white lines for parking spaces. Timetable for completion may not be before chicken supper.

Search for Youth Leader: Elaine Daniels has sent information to USI, Oakland City University, and University of Evansville. Information will also be sent to Young Life, an interdenominational group.

Showcase for memorabilia: Eldon Scott reported information on case costs. After discussion, Elaine Daniels made the motion to purchase the case for approximately \$1925. Linda Thomas seconded and the motion carried. Monies for this project may come from undesignated memorial funds.

Belton missionary monies: Follow up from previous meeting regarding missionary support, discussion ensued that council would like for our money to have the biggest impact by being used for training local pastors. Elaine Daniels made the motion to support the family in Kenya that operates the school for local pastors. Linda Thomas seconded and motion carried. A request will also be made for follow up on the school's accomplishments. The budget allows for one more missionary group and this will be pursued.

Gutter Guards: Stew Hall reported that Kent Mann has been contacted to review/suggest changes to gutters.

**New Business:**

Budget: Suggestions to include: a parking lot maintenance fee; a line item for grounds maintenance; secretary's budget to be increased to reflect the actual dollar per hour for hours budgeted; Youth Leader position to be budgeted for entire year. All members asked to review/make suggestions for all budget items.

Council members were asked to be thinking of nominations for 2020.

Search for new Choir Director: Job Description has been revised and at this writing two persons have applied. In the interim, Matt Wilson will be acting choir director.

Outreach Ministry: Immanuel has invited Salem Church to take part in "Saturate USA" which would involve a mailing to all homes in the zip code of 47725 to inform all residences of the local churches in the area. Pastor David has been asked to write a paragraph about Salem. The goal is to invite the community to local churches and mailer will include a pamphlet describing local churches and DVD's of Christian movies. Elaine Daniels made motion to proceed with this process and Linda Thomas seconded. The motion carried.

Programs regarding financial advice: A suggestion that the church might offer some educational meetings regarding different areas of financial planning, advice on taxes, etc. will continue to be discussed for possible speakers, interest of congregation.

Donation: The estate of Jim and Betty Young has generously left Salem church some money. Preferred use from family would be for the Youth or Senior Programs. Suggestions are to possibly make improvements to confirmation classroom, provide handicap playground equipment. Other suggestions may be made to Eldon Scott, Elaine Daniels, or Jason Smith.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Straub

Secretary