

**Salem Church of Darmstadt
Council Minutes
January 13, 2020**

Present: Eldon Scott, Elaine Daniels, Jason Smith, Linda Thomas, Linda Epperson, John Stock, David Lundy, and Stew Hall.

Others Present: Pastor David, Lori Feil, Mike Lynn, Jean Baresic, and Karen Agee.

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

Pastor David gave the devotion from Matthew 2, "Epiphany-Navigating by GPS."

Eldon welcomed the new council nominees: Mike Lynn, Jean Baresic, and Karen Agee.

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed with Lori. Lori has moved some off the funds in the savings account at Old National Bank to First National Bank so that we would be fully insured. The report was accepted as printed.

Linda Epperson made a motion to approve the minutes for December 9, 2019 meeting. Elaine seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Old Business

David Lundy reported that the insurance and public adjustor are still in limbo over the issues on the hail damage to the roof. The lightning claim has been paid in full.

Since no progress has been made on finding a Youth Leader, Elaine suggest a committee be formed from the church to review it and get more people involved.

John Stock has the stainless-steel posts ready to install on the north entrance to the parking lot.

David Lundy has two quotes for the carpet on the stairs by the lift. Stew made a motion to go with Greer's for \$2650 but don't carpet the bottom steps between the Nursery and Jr. Church Room. John Stock seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Stew will pick up ten tables at Rural King.

New Business

A request from a family member of Jim Schwaderer was received to replace his plaque with a larger plaque in his memory. Elaine made a motion to go with Jim's wishes and keep the plaque that he picked out. Linda Thomas seconded the motion. Motion carried.

It was decided to use the annual benevolences that we paid in 2019 for 2020. Linda Epperson made a motion to approve the list of benevolences and amounts for 2020. Elaine seconded the motion. Motion approved.

It has been the custom to make a donation to the American Legion one year and the next year to V.F.W. from the Veteran's Day Offering. Elaine made a motion to split the funds each year evenly between the American Legion and the V.F.W. Linda Epperson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Reserve Fund/Designated Benevolences - This year there was an excess of \$34,138.72. The charities that we would support in 2020 are: Evansville Rescue Mission, Albion Bacon Fellows, United Caring Shelters, Ozanam Family Shelters, Salvation Army, American Legion, and V.F.W. David Lundy made a motion that we increase our gift fund to \$5,250 and everybody will receive \$750 and \$28,888.72 will go to the reserve fund. Elaine seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Bruce Balsdon is retiring from mowing grass and outside maintenance after many years. Linda Thomas made a motion to give him a \$500 gift card to Bass Pro Shop. Elaine seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A sign-up sheet was passed around for communion set-up and server and usher duties.

A memorial from Jim Young has been received and will be used for the Jr. Church Room and Adult Sunday School Room/Seniors swap. Jeff Young has approved this project for the memorial. Linda Epperson made a motion to make swap of room funds available and Linda Thomas seconded. Motion passed.

Goals are needed for the Future Planning Committee.

Volunteers are still needed to chair the Fall Festival.

There is a possibility Pastor David will be off March 16 to 19.

Elaine thanked the outgoing council members, Eldon, Linda, and John for their time and commitment.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Thomas
Acting Secretary