

Grace Lutheran Church Council Minutes
January 18, 2018

Members present: Paul Dressler, Mary Jenatscheck, Kristy Larson, Isaac Thompson, Jeremy Sharp, Craig Brenden, Pastor Kristi, Pastor Paige

1. Pastor Kristi led the group in prayer. The meeting was called to order.

2. Finance report

Notes: insurance income (about \$54,000) assisted us in ending up fairly well for the year, \$60,000 came from endowment, contingency \$27,000, overall we were down from budget and offering giving is considered a concern, expenses down about \$18,000, Grace Garden ended up with a +\$5,000 in cash.

Discussion on a Commitment Sunday in early March.

Motion to accept financial report/seconded/approved

3. Annual meeting organization details.

4. Nomination bringing forward

- Karen Buom brought forward as management chair. Motion/seconded/approved
- Names brought forward as Voting Members for Synod Assembly in Mankato on May 4th and 5th :

We can have 3 voting members (4 if one is a youth) and 3 alternates on the ballot
Helen Nelson and Ward Ask would like to be on the ballot to serve.

Pastor Kristi has asked Kristy Larson to consider serving as a voting member

And we should try to have a youth serve as well (Stella joined us last year)

Motion/seconded/approved

- Names brought forward as Voting Members for MN River Conference Assembly here at Grace on Feb 11:

We can have up to 6 voting members for Conference Assembly

James Christianson, Helen Nelson, and Ward Ask would like to be on the ballot to serve.

Pastor Kristi has asked Kristy Larson to consider serving as well. Kent Schultz, Beth Kolander are other name.

Motion/seconded/approved

5. Pastor's Report

- Pastor Paige: A three-month sabbatical is being considered for the fall of 2018.
- Pastor Kristi: March retreat date was discussed, with 11th suggested.

6. Motion to approve December 2017 Council minutes, seconded/approved

7. Motion to adjourn, seconded/approved.