

Lord of Life Council Minutes

FINAL

September 3, 2017

Attending: Wade Jensen, Carolyn Watkins, Karen Post, Don Craig, Mary Cook, Barry Brown, Pastor Dubnansky, Lindsay Crocker, Patrick Niemann, Connie Fortmeyer, Shannon Thomsen, Alecia Harrison, Michael Flickenger **Absent:**

None **Scribe:** Lindsay Crocker

Wade Jensen called meeting to order at 11:21 a.m.

Devotions: Shannon

Reminder—Counters for September: Lindsay and Wade

Review of Minutes—Shannon motioned to accept August minute meetings that were updated through e-mail. Mary 2nd, all were in favor. Motion passed.

Financial Report—See attached report. Barry gave report for July, contributions were over ~\$16K, and expenses were about ~\$13K. Barry mentioned that these have been a light couple of months, but the budget is looking favorable in terms of servicing debt. The longer we can sustain this type of budget situation will lead to greater short and long-term financial stability. Wade asked what cash reserve should be for our church, and Barry suggested that we should have ~\$105K, which is equivalent to one year of giving (we currently have this in cash reserve). Mary asked about audit frequency, and Barry said that most churches do conduct periodic audits. Wade will look into when we are due for the next audit per LOL Constitution. Conversation ensued about the differences between a Building Fund, Infrastructure Fund, and DF16. Shannon suggested that we check with Harry on the purpose of these separations before collapsing them into one fund.

Wade suggested providing funds for Hurricane Harvey, Mary and others indicated that we need to go to the congregation to get vote on anything greater than \$500.

A motion to accept the financial report was made by Shannon, Karen 2nd, all were in favor. Motion passed

Nursery Concerns—Connie Fortmeyer gave report, Concerns from the Congregation about the state of the nursery were brought up last month. The nursery is currently in a state of disrepair and we need to address it. There are odor concerns, lack of cleanliness, and respect concerns. Connie asked for help making a list of rules and regulations for the nursery, and getting it cleaned up.

Specifically, rules in the nursery must include age restrictions, require picking up after yourself, taking out trash, and turning off lights and fans. Patrick suggested we use the Yard Sale to organize this room. Patrick made a three part motion: 1) authorize the property committee to come up with a bi-lingual list of rules 2) authorize property committee to purge/refresh the excess items, 3) clarify and confirm that John Ward should continue maintenance responsibility for cleaning the nursery countertops and bath. Discussion by Pastor that many others use the nursery, including girl scouts, Able to Serve, Hispanic church, and others. Mary seconded the motion, all were in favor. Motion passed.

Mutual Ministry Committee—Alecia described that this committee is a liaison between church staff, and congregation; or church staff and Council. Alecia gave specific examples and a handout. Discussion what the needs are for this ministry and whether we need another committee at LOL. The LOL constitution does require a mutual ministry committee. Shannon asked that we all review the constitution and think about potential names who may be suited for these roles. Council all agreed that there is a need for this ministry. Wade will look into another proposal for how to move forward with fulfilling this function, with assistance from Alecia.

President's Message Proposal—Wade brought up a vision message that he created, based around his vision to grow the congregation. He feels that the directive or message for Christian behavior comes from Matthew, as was quoted in his message. He has an interest in using Evangelism to grow the Congregation. Don suggested using Parish Committee and other venues to let folks in the congregation know that there is a place for their voice. A discussion ensued about how to shape our future vision, how to welcome and encourage new membership, and how to reengage existing members. Karen mentioned mailings, flyers for nearby neighborhoods, and the internet.

Pastors Report—See attached report

Social Concerns— All schools in the area got materials from the school drive, it was highly successful. Saturday September 30th is the next Yard Sale and fundraiser. A suggestion was made to have tax receipts available for donations.

Property Committee — Painting of the doors is ongoing. Drainage issue on hold due to rain and a Bocce Ball court renovation is being considered. The Committee is also discussing removal of a Pear tree.

Music & Worship— See attached report. Discussion about inviting Los Vos di Dios musical program, Pastor is planning to invite them to doing something with this group.

Men's Ministry & Christian Education— No report

Parish—On October-15th, at the Ministry Fair, there will be a website showcase.

Able to Serve- Group installed AT&T Fiber for this group at no additional charge. Meeting Wednesday September 6th will happen with all the local Social Workers for Backpack Buddies kick off. Gail is working on publicity for Backpack Buddies.

Website Report—Michael suggested tracking and reporting hits on the website. Karen suggested putting sermons electronically on the website.

Other business—Michael suggested that we put a list of Council members and their pictures in the hall for identification on the Council. Suggest Tim take a picture at the next council meeting.

Karen made motion to adjourn, seconded by Shannon. Meeting adjourned at 1:14 pm

Respectfully Submitted, Lindsay Crocker

Worship & Music Work/Study Group
Report to Council September 3, 2017

The Worship & Music Work/Study Group held a meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the church library on August 28, 2017.

Pastor Wayne opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the 24 July meeting were approved.

- Altar Guild Report. Carol said there will be an Altar Guild meeting at 10:00 a.m. on October 14. She will get the Challah bread for the outdoor service. She said several people told her about the confusion during communion at the Proper funeral. After a short discussion the group recommended that right before communion during special services (funerals, weddings) and services for which we have a lot of visitors, Pastor Wayne give a brief description of how the process is handled. Ushers are encouraged to be of assistance also. Pastor voiced his concern that volunteers for ushering might be hesitant to sign up since we are listing the positions filed.

- Outdoor Service. At the Outdoor Service on September 10, the camp scholarship young people will present camp songs in place of the Psalm. Gale Isaacs practiced with them so they would be prepared. The choir anthem is "Freedom" and Pastor Wayne said his theme for the day would be education. Sunday school teachers, Linda Hash, Lisa Grayson, and Rita Clark will be installed. Congregational hymns will be: *Beautiful Savior, For the Beauty of the Earth, What a Friend We Have in Jesus* and *Jesus Loves Me*.

- September 24. Brad announced that he would be absent that Sunday and said he would find someone to substitute. That brought up the discussion from last month about us asking the musicians from Voz de Dios to play during one of our worships. Pastor presented a suggestion that we have a joint service with them on October 22, with their congregation joining ours for the last half of our service, playing the communion hymns, and then we joining them for the first half of theirs.

A long discussion ensued and the group finally decided, at the suggestion of Mary and Patrick, that we begin with "baby steps" and ask that they play at one of our services as an anthem. Pastor will approach them and try to come up with an agreeable date.

- Reformation Sunday, October 29. Brad said he has a string quartet coming and ELW Setting 3 will be used. He also said some other parts from different liturgies might be incorporated, *i.e.*, *Kyrie*. Mary asked that the "old" *Create in Me* be used for the offertory. Pastor said he would invite the German club to attend. The Parish Committee is in charge of the potluck after service.

- All Saints Sunday, November 5. No discussion.

- Mary Jo Albert Memorial Concert. The date will be December 11, at 7:00 p.m. Brad said he was thinking about checking into getting the Carolina Brass and the doing heavy advertising. He asked about Social Concerns contribution. Last year Social Concerns sponsored the concert and donated \$300. This will be discussed further. Social Concerns does not meet until September 21 and that will be on the agenda.

- Other Business. It was mentioned that we need additional hymnals and it was recommended that this be made known and invite people to purchase one or two in honor of, or memory of someone. Also, it was noted that we are frequently running out of bulletins and Pastor said he would tell Laura to print more.

Tabled items: Thoughts on Communication, Ministry Fair on October 15, Christmas Eve services.

- Hymns for October, except October 29, plus November 5, Pastor Wayne; October 29, Brad.

- Opening and Closing Prayer for September. Mary volunteered.

Next meeting: Monday, 25 September 2017 a 7:00 p.m.

There being no further business Pastor closed the meeting with prayer and we adjourned.

Worship & Music Work/Study Group

Present:

Brad Hunnicutt, chair

Mary Cook

Pastor Wayne Dubnansky

Wade Jensen, council representative

Patrick Niemann

Paula Pickler

Carol Wallace