

Minutes, Regular Meeting of SonRise Lutheran Church Board of Directors, January 12, 2014

Present: Pr. Bahr, Lacey Bahr, Nancy Truland, Eleanor Muller, Doris Wildermuth, Cheryl Walker

Guest: Pr. James Jaekel

The meeting began at 4:10 p.m., opening with prayer. There was a motion from Nancy to accept the minutes from 10/7, 10/20 and 11/24, as corrected. The motion passed.

Pastor gave his report, beginning by thanking all Board members for their service. A review of a year-by-year comparison of attendance and offerings showed that offerings are about the same for 2012 and 2013, a small deficit being almost entirely reversed by generous year-end gifting. It was noted that for 2013, the average for the second half of the year was about \$100 more per week than in 2012. Pastor said the annual financial statement would be released as soon as it was finalized, in cooperation with the Financial Manager.

A financial giving review provided by Cheryl from Power Church information was also discussed, and it was observed that the observed disparity in Plate vs. Envelope donations was due to contributions in 2013 being classified as Plate if the donor had not made a 2013 pledge. That will be changed in 2014 such that all donations received in a numbered envelope will be classified as Envelope. It was also noted that 2013 was the first year when increased summer giving was not attributable to association with SonRise Camp or facility rental during the summer.

There was a discussion of the presented Mission of the Month list for 2014. Pastor made a motion to approve the list as presented. The motion passed.

Discussion occurred regarding a debit card "point" accumulation associated with usage of the card. Pastor Jaekel was consulted regarding the practice of other congregations and the Synod. There was a motion made by Elli that any debit card points would be to the assigned cardholder's benefit, in congruence with the national tendency within the ecumenical community. The motion passed unanimously with Pastor and Lacey abstaining.

As our CD recently matured, a motion was made by Elli to invest all funds of the previous CD balance, minus the previously approved telephone cost, in a 5 year CD with LCEF. The motion passed.

Pr. Jaekel, after distributing copies of Structure Your Church for Mission by Kurt Bickel and Les Stroh, coached the Board regarding the ongoing Transforming Churches Network process.

Prior to adjournment, two advisory announcements were given:

Pastor Jaekel advised Board members of the Festival of Workshops to be held Saturday, Mar. 8, at Concordia College – New York, where attendees are able to attend 3 different workshops. There is not going to be a workshop in 2015 due to the District Convention.

Pastor Bahr announced the creation of 2 Task Forces, one for each ministry target identified in our Mission Statement. The first would be to address “Young Children and their Families” and the second for “People in our Community Facing Major Life Events”. He will ask all members of the congregation to pick one of the two and requested the Board’s help in getting people involved with these.

The meeting adjourned at 5:33 p.m., closing with prayer. Our next meeting is scheduled for the second Monday in March, the 10th, at 4 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Walker

Secretary and Chief Financial Officer