

St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church
Minutes of the Congregation Council Retreat – September 23, 2017

Present: Brad Davis Sue Nonemaker Mike Wetzel
Tammy Jacobs Marty Phillip
Linda Peterson Pr. George Schneider

Absent: Steve Founds, Betty Kelley
Sheila Saxmann, Barb Spink

| <i>TOPIC</i> | <i>DISCUSSION</i> | <i>RESULTS/FOLLOW-UP</i> |
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| Opening Synaxis | | |

NEW BUSINESS

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| Council Resignation | Neil Taylor submitted his resignation to Pastor Schneider. | |
| COOP Ministry | Potential strategies for the COOP discussed: stabilizing SYC congregations, developing targeted “feeder ministries,” and developing new public ministries. | |
| Proposed Council Meeting Changes | Pros and cons of moving to biannual council retreats discussed. Also discussed: replacing current committee liaison structure with a taskforce structure;; changing reporting from past tense (what has been accomplished) to future tense (what will be accomplished). | Executive Committee will recap recommendations for new structure for the October meeting. |
| How do we reach those outside the congregation? | Brad D. suggested trialing an E-Team Also discussed working with local PTAs, Lion’s and/or Lioness’ clubs to provide breakfast/lunch to school staff. | Brad D. and Linda P. will join forces and bring recommendations for forming E-Teams to the next council meeting. |
| 2018 Budget | A draft of the 2018 budget was reviewed and discussed. Questions arose regarding parsonage taxes and water/septic expenditures. | Linda P. will seek answers and bring to October Council meeting. |

GOOD OF THE ORDER

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| Concluding Worship | | Retreat adjourned at 11:45. |

Frequency of Committee Reports:

Jan, July Christian Education, Social Ministry, Worship & Music, Evangelism
Jan, April, July, Oct Mutual Ministry, Property
Feb, May, Aug, Nov Finance
Feb, Aug Ministry with Youth
Mar, Jun, Sept, Dec Technology

