

**Eden's Mission:** "... to love God and all people in Jesus Christ, drawing others into a relationship with Him, working together to expand His reign of hope, justice and peace in our community and the world."

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**EDEN LUTHERAN EVANGELICAL CHURCH  
COUNCIL MEETING  
Wednesday, February 8, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

Meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm by Joe Ludwig.

**Attendees:** Pastor Linda Brown, Don Eissfeldt, Jay Fiene, Joe Ludwig, Nicolette Rohr, James Sansom, Pat Sinclair, Paula Smith, Marge Steinbrinck, Jo Thompson

**I. Preparation**

1. Welcome Guests (no guests)
2. Sharing of joys and concerns (Joe)
  - Joe plans to continue as president through the end of the March meeting and then to step down but remain on Council while he and Mary Lou remain in Riverside
3. Inspiration (Pastor)
  - Pastor read a passage and invited discussion on service
4. Review / Approval of the Agenda, with corrections (**MSC**)
  - add/reiterate policy regarding Church property under New Business
  - add Reformation 500 to item 3 on Continuing Business
5. Review / Approval of Minutes from January Council Meeting (**MSC**)
6. Review / Approval of Minutes from Jan. 26 Executive Committee Meeting (**MSC**)

**II. Action**

1. Pastor's Report: Pastor Linda Brown
  - written report in packet
  - Pastor shared the challenges related to the property and vandalism
  - **Motion:** Pat put forth a motion to replace the damaged batting for the quilters, up to \$125, with funds to come from general fund (**MSC**)
  - If BIC determines some members were responsible for the damage and choose to offer some reimbursement, we will accept
2. President's Report: Joe Ludwig
  - Joe provided an update on moving plans
3. Monthly Ministry Reports
  - A. Finance: Marge Steinbrinck
    - see written report in packet
    - Finance discussed campus security and video surveillance; discussion tabled
    - Fellowship Hall thermostats have been purchased and installed
    - 2017 Synod giving allocation changed so that \$8,000 stays locally and \$2,000 goes to ELCA World Hunger
    - Don Eissfeldt recommends re-joining Chamber of Commerce (approx. \$250) and advertising in their publications; would be especially good for Reformation events

- **Motion:** Marge moved that Eden re-join the Chamber of Commerce, using \$250 from general fund, with Don as representative, seconded by Jo **(MSC)**
- B. Learning (no report)
- C. Evangelism (no report)
- D. Property: Jim Sansom
- vandalism problems
- E. Service/Fellowship: Pat Sinclair
- see written report in packet
- Baked potato luncheon Feb. 12/Valentines for shut-ins; toppings sign ups filled!
- Volunteer appreciation event May 21
- Meatball Madness potluck in March 19 (no contest this year)
- Jo offered to bring supplies to make Valentines this Sunday
- F. Stewardship: (no report)
- G. Worship and Music: (no report)
- H. Technology: Jim Sansom
- new hearing aids working well
- Jay asked about choir loft microphones to improve Pastor's sound in choir loft and improve volume of choir to congregation; having the choir sit in the congregation was brought up; suggestion will be made to Worship & Music; would also like to have evaluation of sound system; **Motion:** Council suggests to Worship & Music that choir try processing and sitting in the first rows of the congregation rather than choir loft **(MSC)**
- Jim will look into sound system evaluation
- Jim suggested we get an appropriate ceiling mount for projector in Fellowship Hall; will ask Steve Anderson to obtain quotes
- I. Brothers in Christ (B.I.C): Pastor
- Pastor discussed campus security with Pastor Calderon
- 5. Monthly reports from organizations
  - A. ELCW: Nicolette Rohr
    - next gathering Saturday, Mar. 11
  - B. EL Preschool: Pat Sinclair
    - all is well; successful property improvements
    - Nicole fielded calls from potential families
  - C. Helping Hands: Jim Sansom
    - Jay asked about adding budget line for Amazon Smile for income

**Motion:** Approve all reports **(MSC)**

### III. New Business

1. Policy reminder regarding church property: Pat Sinclair
  - Council would like to reiterate that no committee has the authority to give away church property without the approval of Council

### IV. Continuing Business

1. Bids for sanctuary roof repairs
  - Pat noted that bids are very different and that another bid is coming in tomorrow
  - Pat suggested that Ron Sinclair and Erv Seidel review bids and make a selection
  - Marge asked about amount/policy

- Ron and Erv will make recommendation to Finance and Executive Committee
  - **Motion:** Council is requesting review of bid for repair of roof by Ron Sinclair and Erv Seidel to provide recommendations to Finance Committee and Executive Council (**MSC**)
  - Pastor asked about submitting to insurance (deductible \$1000)
2. Reformation 500: Nicolette Rohr
- Organ Concert scheduled for October 21, 4 pm; Marge is interested in including Raincross Chorale in this event; Council agreed this is a great opportunity
  - Reformation 500 Augsburg Book Fair Feb. 26 and Mar. 5
  - Sparkhouse Book Fair at ELS Mar. 10 and after church Mar. 26
  - Nicolette is meeting with Chuck Wilson to discuss panel and other possible events
  - Jay asked about partnering with other Lutheran choirs locally

#### V. Information

1. Head Usher for March: Nicolette Rohr (will need coverage for 1-2 weeks)
2. Jay Fiene will take April; Jo Thompson will take May
3. Upcoming events
  - A. Baked Potato Luncheon: Sunday, Feb. 12, 2017, following worship
  - B. Valentines for shut-ins will be distributed Tuesday, Feb. 14
  - C. March Meatball Madness Potluck: Sunday, Mar. 19, following worship
  - D. Set-up and help clean up for Easter Breakfast: Sunday, Apr. 16
  - E. Next council meeting Tuesday, March 7 due to Lenten Soup Supper; April meeting will be Tuesday the 4<sup>th</sup>

Meeting was adjourned by Joe Ludwig at 9:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nicolette Rohr, Council Secretary