

Lost Island Church Council met at Pizza Ranch in Emmetsburg on Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>. Members attending were Troy and Karyn Leininger, Tim Nielsen, Alan Oppedal, Steve Pitt, Craig Thu and Pastor Peter Morlock. Meeting began at 1pm with devotions from Pastor Peter based on the sermon for Sunday morning. Jesus says to pray for your enemies. Praying for someone you dislike can change you, your perception of them and how they fit into the kingdom.

First order of business was to appoint the treasurer for the next year. Motion by Pastor to appoint Tim Nielsen as treasurer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Steve. Motion carried.

Tim then presented the treasurer report (see attached). About one month in to 2017, we are ahead for the year and he will add a window repair line item to the budget.

Pastor highlighted a couple items from his report (see attached). VBS planning has started. Troy, Karyn & Pastor went to Sheldon to look at VBS materials and came back with a couple options for the education committee. One is produced by Group and Connie Swan will be using those materials in Ruthven in June, the other is produced by Concordia and is based on Luther, called "Mighty Fortress". The big selling point to us was that the music is based on well-known hymns. Bethany received a very large bequest, in fact large enough to fund an intern for a year. Pastor is going to bring this idea to Bethany's council at their next meeting to gauge their interest and he will report back on the status of that idea. Teresa's final days are approaching so we need to start the search for a new secretary. Pastor asked for a representative from Lost Island to be on the committee. Tim Nielson volunteered. Pastor will be attending the Rural Ministry Conference the first weekend of March in Dubuque.

Next item of business is the window repair. The council decided to go with the order of windows as presented in the quote (see attached). That means the balcony windows will be the first to be removed. Motion by Alan to sign the agreement and send a check for \$3,000 to start the process and continue down the list as money becomes available, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tim. Discussion included the fundraising letter presented by Karyn that will be sent to church members and friends of the congregation. The council was asked to supply addresses for anyone they feel should receive the letter. Thrivent/reserve funds can also be used to fill in any shortages. Motion carried.

The approved revised Constitution needs to be sent to Jeff Ungs at the synod office. We will wait for the synod's approval or changes.

The November meeting minutes mentioned that the brochure will be ready by April, so Pastor will bring one to church for final approval.

March 18<sup>th</sup> is the St. Pat's parade in Emmetsburg. Craig can get the float to town but will not be able to drive in the parade. If we can find a driver, we will enter it in the parade. Pastor has the entry form for Bethany so he can add us to that registration.

Don Spencer's Chapel has been left to the community. Alan will see what that means and if we can use it for summer Saturday services. If the community churches are allowed in, we will need to have a clean-up day before we use it for worship.

Adjourned the meeting by praying the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Karyn Leininger, Secretary