



December 12, 2016 Meeting

Present:

Steve Wilcox	Sandy Freund	Butch Pfarr	Dolly Stahl
Krista DiPaula	Tim Dunn	Paul Wienecke	Ron Earling
Linda Kirstein	Joan Edwards	Rick Rosenfeld	Al Dufour

Absent: Katie Penick

Guest: Karson Langenfelder

Meeting was called to order by President Steve Wilcox at 7:01 p.m.
Steve opened the meeting with the lighting of the Christ candle and prayer.

Meeting minutes from the November 14, 2016 meeting were presented. A motion was made to accept the meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's Report/Account Balance was presented. Overall weekly giving is up 2.9% compared to last year. It was noted that Advent folders were not mailed this year but will be made available at the back of the church. Karson will put a message out to make the congregation aware of this. A motion was made to accept the treasurer's report as presented. The motion carried. A discussion was held about how poinsettias were sold at cost this year where as in years past they were not.

Presidents Report:

- Council members need to be seen at church, especially during Christmastime
- 150 year anniversary is coming up with lots of celebrations; please support these events
- Continue being the ears and eyes of the congregation and bring any concerns back to council

Pastor's Report:

- Four Sunday worship services were held this month
- On Sunday, November 20th we held our Totenfest remembrance. The names of those who died in the past year and the children who were baptized were read out loud. Candles were lit and bells rung for each name read.
- Tim Dalgo led the annual Thanksgiving Service on November 23rd
- Funeral Services were held for Anna Belle Baker and Delores Rosenfeld, and a memorial service was held for Sandy Russell
- Pastor Katie provided 7 pastoral visits this month

- Jane Anderson and Pastor Katie met with next year's Confirmation class on November 20th. Confirmation will begin on January 8th and they will be confirmed on Reformation Sunday, October 29th, 2017. Seven youth and their families attended this meetings
- Widows Club met on November 21st. In 2017, we plan to open up this ministry to other local churches.
- Advent began on November 27th and the Annual Family Advent Party was held
- Pastor Katie attended Church and Ministry, ministerium in the Catoclin Association and the Chesapeake Association ministerium

Committee Reports:

- Music & Worship – December 21st will be the Longest Day Service
- Board of Christian Ed – Sunday School is getting ready for the Christmas pageant that will take place at the 6:00 service on Christmas Eve
- Church and Ministry – no report
- Stewardship –
 - Last Sunday Joan indicated in church that we are starting our Stewardship program; this year's theme is "And do the Same"; commitment cards have been ordered; once received they will be added to the bulletins each week until January 8, 2017; the last day to turn in a commitment day will be January 8, 2017
- Cemetery –
 - one funeral was held this month
 - it was noted that the benches in the grave yard by the parking lot need to be readjusted; they are in danger of falling over
- Church Life and Vitality – no report
- Finance – weekly giving envelopes are available for pick up
- Property – The next work party will be January 14

Old Business:

- CSI update – They are in the final stages of closing to obtain their monies and will then begin their renovations in January 2017. The change in management structure has been executed. During the documentation process it was determined that the church was not in good standing with the state of MD. On a yearly basis the church is required to file a Personal Property Statement. CSI's associates assisted us with filling out the form and the form has now been submitted. Going forward the form will be resubmitted each year by April 15.
- SOH Update – A request was received to allow them to stay in the building on Thanksgiving and Christmas Day. The request was approved. One person became a nuisance and was made to leave the group
- 150 Year Celebration – The committee is looking at different venues to have dinner in September/October for the celebration. The group will need a letter from council stating we are a non-profit organization.

New Business:

- Staff and Vacation Issues –

- Motions were made to accept all nominations; the motion passed.

The next council meeting will be on January 9, 2017.

Approved by: _____
Steve Wilcox Date
Council President