

Vision Team Meeting
December 21, 2017
6:00pm



Members Present: Pastor Kari, Amy Gesell, Holly Running, Margaret Schroeder, Jim Haugen, Pastor Ben, Pastor Greg, Brent Urke, JoAnne Bliese, Greg Tvrdik

Members Absent: Loretta Lundy, Roy Prigge, Carol Thalman, Sue Santleman, Coty Lund, Neil Jenzen

Devotions and Faith5 with Amy

Heather King, how many Christmas ornaments have we broken so far.

Sign-Up for devotions and snacks for 2018.

Mission Board

Feed My Sheep

Fundraising Dinner in April

Family Ministry Board

Christmas Express Change this year was changed to Santa for Seniors

What a fun experience from the Facebook posts and a great experience for the kids.

It is great we are making a shift to what is going on in our community.

Loading the Worship Service videos Facebook is so great

Motion for the approval of the November 16, 2017 Vision Team Meeting Minutes

Joanne (M) Holly (S) – Carried

Recapping Equipping and Engaging Leaders conversation from the November meeting.

One of the items that we can take from our last meeting to engage leaders is: How do we have the youth involved in reading scripture at worship?

Randi, Kim, Steve, Pastor Kari to discuss

Annual Meeting Prep

Someone to make the call and reach out to Roger Apodaca

Holly will make the connection with Roger.

Annual Report information

Do you have stories or images of what your boards has done that tells that story and mission of First Lutheran?

Reviewing the Treasurer's Report

Prior to our last meeting, a CDs was cashed in and not posted to the building fund account. The corrected financial reports for October were sent out after the November meeting.

End of November balances improvement from October, increase in income for November

Not many Changes – from month prior.

Motion to approve the Treasures Report for the Month ending November 30, 2017

Jim (M) Margaret (S) Carried

Brainstorming - Trends of our budget

Budget Trends – Worksheet Handout

Increase Revenue and decrease expenses

- How do we get creative in bringing down expenses rather than need the increased income?
- We are a church family the gives away (tithes) 10% of what is given to us. How many people of our congregation know that?

What is the financial message to deliver to the congregation.

- Decrease expenses
- Point out some of these facts of where their dollars go.
- Point Out – We all (members) approve our budget, with that approval you are agreeing to making an increase in your giving
- Focus – Should we not be mailing it out, too expensive.
- Out of town? Do you want to give a Christmas or Easter donation? Here is the link for you to do so.
- Continue the brainstorming session and information at the January Meeting

Money and Meaning sermon series coming up mid-January.

Motion to give authority to Greg Tvrdik, Director of Church Administration to sign and list donated properties to the Building Fund with Sheryl Bakewell of ReMax Realty of Alexandria.

Margaret (M) Holly (S) Carried

Motion To approve staff Christmas gifts of \$50 per person. Thanks to the Endowment Committee for their donations to cover 2/3 of this cost.

Margaret (M) Amy (S) Carried

Building Update

- Sunday's meeting presented the motion to approve development of one site and to pursue a sale of this building. This motion was passed with a vote of 180 Yes Votes / 2 No Votes
- Get the cost down to what we feel we can handle with long term debt
- A lot of good feedback came from the informational meetings that were held
- Building committee has been working hard on design and effective use of space

Pastor's Reports –

Due to time constraints no reports were given.

Adjourn

JoAnne (M) Amy (S) Carried

Respectfully Submitted

Greg Tvrdik

Vision Team Secretary