

Congregation Council

Lutheran Church of the Nativity

May 2016

May 9, 2015 6:30 p.m.

Present: Pr. Mark Fitzsimmons, Fred Park, Tim Feid, Anne Schruckmayr, Candace Trull, Kathleen Treiber, Leigha Jordan, Jennie Gillette, Brian Johnson, Cate Rheney, Andra Nus, Allen Ray, Wes McCall, Katie Wadington, Brian Feid, Kent Oehm, and Summer Covington

Absent: Kirsten Cooper, Mike Kestner, Mark Grush, Ashley Hammack, and Youth Representative.

I. GATHERING

- A. Review of Agenda:
- B. Sharing and opening prayer

II. STUDY: Council Transitions/Report from Council Retreat: A brief overview of council functions, the roles and work groups of the council, a breakdown of the agenda and the council meetings was presented to the new council members present at the meeting. Exiting members were thanked for their service. New members were welcomed to council.

III. REPORTS and ACTION

- A. **Updates to 7 - year time line/Vision 2020:** A review of the 7 year time line was gone over with new members coming on to council. An updated copy of the Vision 2020 plan will be sent out to council members. No new updates.
- B. **Report from Governance:** Governance received the revised Credit Card Policy. After review, the policy was recommended to move forward with a vote of approval.
- C. **Report from Leadership:** No new reports.
- D. **Report from Fiduciary:** The long range plan is in the structuring phase. Facility study is complete with the next step being the study of the needs and wants of the congregation. No new reports.
- E. **Mission/Vision:** No new reports.
- F. **Audit Committee:** Audit was completed with recommendations from the committee for the coming year. Finance Committee has received the report and is working on incorporating the recommendations into use.
- G. **Update on the Hoffmans:** Graduation for the Hoffmans is set for May 21 with ordination at St. Michael's in Greenville, SC on May 22. Move in date for the Hoffmans is May 24. It is asked that those able to help unload the moving truck please contact Fred Park.
- H. **Action on Credit Card Policy:** After review from Governance, the credit card policy was presented to Council with the recommendation to vote for approval of the policy. A motion was put forth. Vote: All in favor. Motion to approve the Credit Card Policy was passed.
- I. **Marriage Policy:** A copy of the Marriage Guidelines for the Lutheran Church of the Nativity was presented to Council for review by Governance. The policy was drafted as part of a task force from the Worship Ministry Team. The policy is to be voted on in June's meeting.
- J. **Pastor Mark's Time:** Pastor Mark remarks that he is looking forward to June 1, when Pastors Gregg and Rachel Hoffman join the Nativity staff. He reports that the council installation is set for Sunday, May 15 at the service the new members attend. He reports that enrollment for the 2016-2017 preschool year looks good. He gave thanks for the opportunity to teach at Southern Seminary this semester with the coming Thursday being his last day. Next council meeting is scheduled for June 6.

IV. SENDING

Meeting broke into work groups at 7:52 p.m.

V. WORK GROUPS

- A. Governance
- B. Mission/Vision
- C. Leadership Development

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.