

**ZUMBRO LUTHERAN CHURCH
CHURCH COUNCIL
December 19, 2017**

Council Present: Shelley Sperling (vice president), Kevin Amundson, Jolene Hansen (secretary), Noel Peterson (president), Ben Clarkson, Spencer Goetzman, Jim Peterson, Mary Schoenbeck

Member Absent: Alicia Oelkers

Staff Present: Pastor Vern Christopherson, Pastor Jason Bryan-Wegner and Operations Manager Tracy Schar

ICE BREAKER – lead by Noel Peterson

DEVOTIONS – The Big Idea – Shelley Sperling lead us in “God Creates in Us a Longing for Home”

FIDUCIARY WORK

CONSENT AGENDA

Council minutes of November 21, 2017 – No changes – approved. Jim Peterson asked for more follow-up on security. We will have a forum on January 28 regarding security and plan to include someone from the police department.

Reviewed Staff Reports

Core Team Reports- none submitted

FINANCIAL REPORT – Tracy Schar brought us up to date. December will be strong; the letter sent is spurring people to get offerings in before the end of the year. We discussed the possible implications of the new tax plan and what that may mean to us. We were given an analysis from the *Washington Post*, *Acts of Faith* to review.

NORTH LOT PROPERTY TAX – ZLC was made aware that we are going to be taxed on our property, not income from the property in the future. There is a hearing on 1/9/18 for us to learn more.

STRATEGIC WORK

BUILDING VISIONING TEAM UPDATE – Alan Hansen, Bill Horlitz, and Kirk Gill reported that the team and architects WSN are close to having a plan to share with the congregation.

Work is also being done on how to best leverage our property with the building remodel and updates. We agreed putting together an RFP (Request for Proposal) to get some feedback from the community is a good step to engage interested parties.

There was a lot of discussion on engaging an outside firm to help us assess the congregation’s capacity for a capital campaign. After much discussion we determined we should engage the congregation at the annual meeting to help determine the pulse at this point in time. We would like to have questions people can respond to or think about in advance of the meeting.

GENERATIVE WORK

CO-ED SCOUTING – Informational at this point. Leaders from our troops will share more with us in January. No changes will happen before the fall of 2018.

SHARED MINISTRY - We heard about a possible outreach idea of working with some rural congregations – how can we help - shared staff, pastoral support, training for care ministry, training lay people. Pastor Vern shared how some models have worked well, some have not. Not one size fits all.

CLOSING PRAYER

Respectfully submitted,

Jolene Hansen, secretary

DATE TO NOTE

The next ZLC Council meeting will be January 16, 2018, 6:30 pm Kairos Room