

Healing Waters Parish Council Meeting Minutes (Unapproved)
February 8, 2018, 8:00 pm
Bergen Lutheran Church

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 pm by Jolene Johnson. A quorum was in attendance.

Present: Jolene Johnson, Chery Stensrud, Jo Pederson, Byron Kompelien, Dave & Kim Kvam, Wanda Vance, Elmo Volstad, Pr. Steve Quist, Pr. Stephen Olson, support staff Angie Thostenson

Absent: Pati Marquart

Pr. Stephen Olson offered devotions from The Product of the Lost Son parable, Luke 15:11-32

Election of officers was added to the agenda.

Secretary's Report: Motion was made and seconded to accept the secretary's report. Motion carried.

Congregation Council Reports:

- Bergen discussed the decision to stay or leave HWP. As of this time, they are going to stay with HWP. Will continue to discuss until a final decision has been made. They have been talking about options on a chair lift to the sanctuary. Lenten schedule was discussed.
- Augustana discussed the decision to stay or leave HWP. They send out a questionnaire to members on their options they have available. They will continue to discuss until a final decision has been made. They had their annual meeting and approved the HWP budget. They are still having discussion on steeple repair and discussed Lenten schedule.
- YMLC had a question/answer session after church about staying or leaving HWP. They had a meeting with Granite Falls Lutheran about contract for services. Granite Falls Lutheran is bringing it to their council. No decision has been made, but will continue to discuss. They had their annual meeting and approved the HWP budget and elected new officers for council.
- St Lucas discussed staying or leaving HWP. No decision has been made, but will continue to discuss. They had their annual meeting and approved the HWP budget. They had a good meeting with Pr. Olson.

Financial Reports: financial reports for December & January were received and filed subject to approval by audit.

Pastoral/Staff Reports:

Pastor Olson report:

- Discussed different options for HWP. He is going to work with each church as they find the right path for themselves.
- We decided to put a 6-month time frame on letting the HWP council know if each church would like to stay with HWP or leave HWP. This decision was made by the whole council considering that we need to keep the call process moving.
- He discussed and recommended a couple articles that he has found helpful during a transition like we are in, to put in the newsletter. Hopefully, this will give people a better understanding of some questions they may have.
- He brought up a couple options that we could think about in the future to keep cost down; we could continue with called Pastors, or stay with retired clergy and/or SAMS (Synod Authorized Minister working under the Bishop). Pr. Quist mentioned he is available to help however he can and has not made any plans elsewhere.
- He wants everyone to know that his sermons are available in text upon request.
- He mentioned he will be gone May 4,5,6. Angie will find pulpit supply for Sunday, May 6th.
- It was determined that Pr. Stephen Olson will preach at both Augustana and Yellow Medicine on Maundy Thursday and Pr. Steve Quist will preach at both Bergen and St. Lucas on Good Friday.

Pastor Quist continues to do a wonderful job with his visitation and feels that he has visited with all shut in list at least once if not more. If anyone has not been visited, please contact Pastor Quist or your Church President.

Old Business:

- Assessment – February payment to HWP has been waived by council vote.

