

## Council Meeting 12/5 6:30

Present: Steve Vanhooser, Michelle Gerth, Kim McDonald, Diane Elsenpeter, Donna Kriesel, Tony Smith, Tammy Walker, Jerome Demars, Amanda Noaeill

### **Call to Order by Steve**

**Office update:** Tammy reported the new computer software to track financials is up and running and that auto bill pay has been started.

**Financials:** Steve provided the board with copies of the church budget and actual spending as well as past due bills. A discussion was held regarding the difference between designated and undesignated savings accounts. The synod payments are not a requirement but an offering that is decided at the beginning of the year by the church members. We have not made a synod payment since April of this year. The November mortgage payment is late and the December payment is due. Portico Benefit Services is one month behind and needs to be paid.

**Response to financials:** We will be unable to make up the synod payments. We will need to discuss what our intent of offering will be for next year. Principal only funds from the sale of beets 2017, bells 2016, the German supper, and 137.48 from the general fund was used to pay the November mortgage payment. The moneys used (aside from the general fund moneys) needs to be paid back to the principal only account.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Tammy to reimburse the moneys by transferring the money from the Little Lights Preschool Fund (\$3442.22) to the Principal Only Savings Account. A payment of \$415.30 will also be made to Michael and Tammy Lundell for their ministry. The balance of the Little Lights Preschool Account will be transferred to the undesignated memorial account and then be closed. A second to the motion was made by Amanda.

There will be a letter sent out to the congregation with an envelope for their advent offering. There will be information in the letter about the Christmas services.

Respectfully submitted by Amanda Noaeill