



**VISION COUNCIL
August 23, 2016
7:00 pm, Rec Room
Meeting Minutes**

Present: Terry Kemmer, Shawn Nygaard, Catie Herman, Sue Schaffer, Jessica Burhans, Chris Malecka, Ted Heisserer, Nathan Mork, Carrie Johnston, Pastor Dave Peterson, Pastor John Simonson, Susie Reitmeier.

Opening Prayer

- 1) Call meeting to order – Terry Kemmer
Terry welcomed everyone.
- 2) Devotions – Pastor John and Terry
- 3) Consent Agenda / Correspondence / Additions to Agenda
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 - i. Added under New Business – c. Pastor Dave’s Report, d. Visionary Think Abouts - #7 Pastor Dave’s Report, e. #5 Susie’s Report
 - ii. Ted moved to approve the agenda. Sue seconded. All approved.
- 4) Approval of August 2016 Minutes
 - a. Jessica moved to approve the minutes as written. Chris seconded. All approved.
- 5) Officer Reports:
 - a. Financial ... Treasurer’s – Sue reviewed the Treasurer’s Report. Shawn moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Jessica seconded. All approved.
- 6) Committee Reports:
 - a. Sanctuary Renovation – Ted reported. Video system is ordered and not here yet. Audio system – not sure if everything is complete. There is an echo with the sound system they are trying to figure out. Items still to be complete – new entry door on Lake Avenue and stained glass windows. Spot lights are a work in progress – they are bright for people up front. Pastor Dave tweaked them so they are better. LED lights are being used – they will last longer and use lower energy. Choir chairs are ordered. Bell table and table clothes are being made. Balcony rails look like communion rails but shorter. There is a Sanctuary Team meeting coming up on Monday.
 - b. Anniversary Gift – Carrie provided report. No changes from last month. Starting to promote in September to the congregation.
 - c. Centennial Celebration – Carrie provided report. Gathering volunteers now. Recruiting resources/leaders for each month. Tanzy has sign up sheet in office.

7) Unfinished Business:

- a. Director of Youth Ministry – Maddie Hanson started on Sunday, August 21st and will be installed Sunday, August 28th.
- b. Ministry Partners for ME (MW Minnesota Synod) – Pastor Dave reported that they are asking for partners to give additional money in support of various programs. Table further discussion until next meeting under unfinished business.
- c. Status of call process – Call Committee will meet on Wednesday, August 31st at 6:30 pm to prepare for interview and the candidate will be in for interview at 7:30 pm.

8) New Business

- a. Paying off mortgage – discussion around when to pay down mortgage. It was decided to pay down mortgage on this schedule – pay \$10,000 in August, pay \$10,000 on September 1 and balance at end of October with the burning of the mortgage on November 13th. Carrie moved to approve paying off the mortgage as stated above. Chris seconded. All approved.
- b. Vacancy on Vision Council – Leann Mouw has agreed to accept a 2-year position and Ted will step into the 1-year spot. Shawn moved to approve. Sue seconded. All approved.
- c. #4 Pastor Dave's Report – Beth Gailfus submitted resignation from Preschool Director position – she has accepted a position at the Ogema/Waubun school district. Jenny Savig will be Interim Director for the 2016-17 school year and the position will be open for applications in the next few months. We will plan to recognize Beth on Labor Day Sunday for all of her work and dedication. With regret – Carrie moved to accept Beth's resignation. Ted seconded. All approved.
- d. Visionary Think Abouts – discussion by Vision Council
- e. #5 Susie's Report – Do we want to have Bibles in the pews? Susie will do some research as to how many will be needed, cost and what version and report back.

9) Recognition of blessings to our church family. Several people and groups were mentioned to receive recognition and thanks.