

Messiah Lutheran Church – Support Committee

December 7, 2017, 7 p.m.

Present: Ron Foshaug, Milt Gilbertson, Lois Larson, Don Myrehaug, Gordon Myrehaug, Dale Swanson, Calvin Skriver and David Larson (council representative)

- Devotions** Ron opened the meeting with prayer.
- Basement chairs** Lois presented information on chair options and distributed a handout on what nearby churches are using and their recommendations. She suggested that a chair committee be formed and volunteered to serve on it together with Marie Brager and possibly the custodian. M/S Gordon/Don that Lois coordinate a committee on chair selection. Carried.
- Milt suggested that standing high tables or tables that fold down from the wall might be an option when so many stand around and visit at funerals.
- Fellowship Hall heating** The Fellowship Hall is warmer now. It will be assessed again when there is colder weather. The heating line has been hooked up and a second fin line has been installed.
- TV ministry** Dale discussed the speed tests he has done using two different browsers (Internet Explorer and Chrome). Explorer tends to show 8-5-3mg while Chrome consistently shows 20mg going up. Speed tests may not be reliable. Need to increase video stream going up – had 8mg – will move 8 to 15mg with old equipment on Sunday. Next week when the new equipment is in place will run again at 15mg. Dale will continue with the speed tests using both white and black screen testing. Michael Blue from Eastlink requested pings to check on speed of transfer. Noted that if the cable-modem is faulty, an option is to go with a fibre optic line which is already looped by the north side of the church.
- Lights** Lights for the front of the sanctuary will be put in when the new projectors are installed as the scaffolding will be up. This will be done when Ed Brewer is present in case additional fixtures are thought to be needed.
- TV ministry installation schedule**
- Friday, December 8th – Gordon, Milt and Don will clamp the new brackets to the pillars and Dale will do the ends on the camera cables.
 - Sunday, December 10th – Dale will record the Friendship Club’s pageant and produce a show for Channel 10.
 - Sunday, December 10th – following the service and before the potluck, Lowell and Dale and others will check on possible camera angles. Cameras will be clamped to the pillars, so they can be readily moved. Suggested the cameras be placed on the 4th pillar on the west side and on the 2nd pillar on the east side initially.

Monday, December 11th at 9:30 a.m. – set up scaffolding, create control in booth and on floor for dimming sanctuary lights, renovate desk in booth to accommodate the new tricaster, install projectors and the cameras. Brackets for the cameras are already made. Ron

Thursday, December 14th at 10:30 a.m. – training on the new equipment. Ron will check to see if Chris Holm, Rosanna Heise or Charlene Brown might be available to attend as well. At that time some camera presets will be setup.

TV equipment accessories needed

Dale

The current power source, UPS, can be used with a switching array. New gear will be plugged into this. Audio cable and HDMI cables 40 feet and 25 feet are needed. Dale will purchase these at Memory Express in Edmonton as those lengths are not available in Camrose.

Additional Thoughts

An option would be to consider taking views of audience responses as well as focusing on the speakers. Also help is needed to work through all the hymns in the databank to check for typos.

Elevator

Pastor Calvin reported that he had completed the elevator survey and our response was negative due to lack of service and having renewed our contract without notifying us. He received a call from the company as a result and caller indicated he needed to locate the contract. Calvin will contact Don Rebus who initially set up the contract. Elevators last around 30 years and ours is reaching that age.

Couch cleaning

Extra pew by mailboxes

Ron advised that Doreen had cleaned the couches this past summer. The ones in the nursery will be done in a week or two.

Website streaming

The back (third) pew next to the mailboxes needs to be removed. Check with Lysengs if Hastings is interested. Also check with the Wednesday Workers if they have ideas or wood projects for it.

Finances

Once the internal website has been updated and an external website created, we will be able to begin streaming our content to the world. Dale advised that two licenses are required for words on the screens and for words on the internet. He has already reserved a domain name for the external website: messiahloves.com. Noted that YouTube is not a good venue for us as inappropriate ads could sometimes appear with our content. It will cost \$50/100 a month to stream.

Hearing assist

Ron passed out two income statements for us to consider before our budget planning meeting in March.

Dale advised a good option for hearing assistance is to install a t-coil loop around the periphery of the sanctuary (possibly in the ceiling of the basement to assist in improving the sound for hearing impaired parishioners in both upstairs and downstairs.) Hearing aids with a t-coil setting can opt for that setting or a t-coil receiver can be purchased. Dale is forwarding an article about best practices for t-coil projects. For now, the audio controllers in the booth need to just simply turn up the sound and support members can request this of sound board operators during the service if needed.

Sunday school wi-fi

Tabled for now.

Building signs

Tabled for now.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, January 4, 2018 at 7 p.m. at the Larson's.

Lois will do devotions.

Lois Larson, Secretary