

Messiah Lutheran Church – Support Committee

May 3, 2018, 7 p.m.

Present: Ron Foshaug, Lois Larson, Dale Swanson, David Larson (council representative) and Calvin Skriver (pastor).

- Devotions** Ron began the meeting with prayer.
- Letter of thanks** The letter of thanks to Eastlink will be sent by snailmail and by email if no physical address is available. Thanks to Calvin for drafting and sending the letter.
- Roof repairs** Ron contacted Calvin Ham from CLBI earlier regarding getting a quote for repair of the roof of the southeast link corner.
- Budget** The budget will now be prepared by a representative from the Support Committee, the senior pastor, bookkeeper, a council member and two members at large with financial backgrounds. A recent review of the budget reduced the number of budget lines significantly by collapsing certain lines into a single line.
- Abuse policy** The Service Committee now deals with the abuse policy and looking after getting the forms completed. The Support Committee then purchases the insurance with information supplied by the Service Committee.
- Building lockup** More people are needed to do the evening building lockup. A lockup group with a 3 year term was suggested so there is some respite for those who have been doing it for many years.
- Auditorium chairs** Lois reported that the deposit cheque (50% of purchase invoice) for the chairs has been received by the chair company who advised the fabric is being milled. Once the fabric completion date is known they can provide a possible ship date. Lois will put a notice in the bulletin asking for further contributions to the chair fund.
- The white chairs will be checked over by Lloyd and of those that are OK he will set aside to keep in reserve at MLC and the rest can go to ReStore. M/S Dale/Lois that the gently used quality white chairs be given to ReStore and that the damaged ones be recycled. Carried
- Website** Dale showed portions of the new website developed by Milt, Lois and Dale. Ron and Dale will announce that it is live, complete with streaming to the congregation this coming Sunday. M/S Dale/Ron that Lois be manager (WebMaster) of Messiah's website. Carried. Ron and Dale
- Email addresses** Dale recommended going with Gmail service for \$50/year. Gmail will check into why an email is not going through. He recommended that two emails be set up: office@messiahcamrose.ca and bookkeeper@messiahcamrose.ca. The latter will be set up if/when the bookkeeper sees the need for it. M/S Dale/Ron that the email address office@messiahcamrose.ca be created for \$50/year which will include covering troubleshooting by Gmail Professional Service. Carried.
- Modems** The Eastlink modem will be removed when the move is made to the Telus modem regarding the emails. Both will be functional for a period to catch any email using the old address.

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| Domain | Dale recommended that the domain “messiahcamrose.com” be obtained so that it is not obtained by another entity that might put up material contrary to what Messiah represents. |
| Adobe Acrobat | Dale recommended that Adobe Acrobat software be purchased for use by the website manager and the office. M/S Dale/Ron that Messiah Purchase Adobe Acrobat software. Carried. |
| Sunday School room upgrade | Ron advised that the downstairs room formerly used by Big Drum and currently used by the Sunday School needs to be upgraded. Egg cartons are glued to the wall that need to be stripped off and the walls should probably be painted. Ron will ask the Wednesday Workers for their input. |
| Messiah property disposal policy | There is a need to develop a policy regarding dispersal of property. This will be tabled for now. |
| Endowment interest | Support has received a request from the World Mission Group that the interest from the Endowment Fund New Ministries go to a new ministry in Colombia. Bishop Larry and one of our members going there in July/August will vet a suitable project. M/S Milt/Don (by email proxy) Support recommends that the interest from the Endowment Fund New Ministries go to a new ministry in Colombia. Carried. |
| Loaning Messiah property | Section J Support page 8 of the General Policies states that items to be loaned are the 3x8 foot wooden tables and the white chairs. Calvin suggested that it be changed to read “at the discretion of the senior pastor.” |
| Rollers for new auditorium chairs | Ron will speak with Jens about the possibility of manufacturing roller platforms for the new auditorium chairs. They can be purchased for \$39 each from a company in Edmonton. Approximately 10-12 rolling platforms would be needed. |
| Other | Calvin advised that any changes made to the constitution and/or bylaws now need to be approved by the Synod. Calvin advised that Messiah’s new refugee family of four is arriving at the airport on June 6. Messiah provides supports for 2 years unless employment is obtained. Calvin suggests that most of the undesignated funds in the checking account be placed in GICs that allow withdrawals at any time. |
| Next meeting | No meeting date was set. If items come up, Ron will contact the committee by email. |

Lois Larson, Secretary