

LUTHERAN MISSION ACTION COUNCIL

Semi-Annual Meeting Minutes

8/25/2018

Meeting was called to order at 8:30 by Shelby Hoffman, Vice President
15 people were in attendance representing 7 churches (List attached)

Minutes from the 2/24/2018 meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer's report – Jim Kahre reviewed the statements from Jan-July. Net income was a positive \$3213.72. There was a \$1000 doantion for the Counseling center. It was **moved and approved** to move these funds to the Counseling Center. Some discussion about whether we should continue to support Worship Anew as they have reduced service to this area. We will not send them the \$520 annual support.

Community Food Pantry – Jim Greenwell reviewed the financial information. He also stated that there was a LCOC food pantry operating board made up of members from Messiah, Immanuel, Concordia, Redeemer, and St. Paul's. The list of people are attached to this report. The food pantry is in need of some office space and equipment. We will be able to meet their needs in the LCOC building.

Lutheran Counseling Center – Pastor Schneider reviewed the notice that the counseling center closed down at the end of July. Jim Karns and the board are referring clients to other counseling centers. The files will remain in the LCOC building. There was some discussion about the need to offer this type of counseling in the Evansville area. At this time no one has been identified to fill this void. Contact was made with a Lutheran counseling group in Ft. Wayne called Cross Connections, but they are not interested in expanding outside of their area.

Old Business:

Pastor Temme stated that Trinity/Darmstadt has called an Early Childhood director and teacher. Her name is Breena Smith. She will be installed on 9/2/2018. Plans are to open the center in the fall of 2019.

Chinese Mission – Pastor Luu stated that the summer camp went well. 10 students attended each day. There are an average of 5 students attending the after school program at Redeemer's Newburgh campus. Sunday worship continues to struggle, but they are reaching out to the Chinese community.

Redeemer/Newburgh Outreach – Pastor Wenig stated that a ministry team has been established to reach out to people in the Newburgh area. A goal is to have a worship at that building by Easter. In October they will hold a block party and a truck or treat on the campus for the community. They have something planned for every month from October thru April. One of the ideas is to have discussion groups on various topics meet at the church building. Hoping to establish a fire pit, sand volleyball court, etc to help generated gatherings for people. Some improvements are needed to the building. Redeemer is talking to the Indiana District to help determine how these can be made. Also, working with distict on how expenses can be shared, and how major repairs to the building should be handled. Pastor Kurtis is living in the parsonage on the Newburgh campus.

Campus Ministry – Jeremy Seeger submitted a report on the activities planned for this outreach (copy attached). Several opportunites for outreach are planned for this fall. Pastor Kurtis is working with LCMS-U to set up a bible study group on campus

Circuit Visitors are Pastor Wiist for the West Circuit, and Pastor Gadbow for the East Circuit.

Concord Publication – this will be suspended for the present time as it was a work that Terry Lampton did pretty much on his own. If anyone is interested in working on this please let the board know.

Board Changes – we will elect new officers at the February meeting. If you are interested in serving on this board please contact Shelby Hoffman and she can let you know what is involved.

New Business:

Discussed giving a memorial gift of \$250 to the Lymphoma organization in memory of Terry Lampton. It was **suggested, and approved**, that we spend the money to have the shrubs and grounds cleaned up around the LCOC building as this was something of interest to Terry and Ellen. Dave Ellerbrook gave the name of a contact who can do this type of work. The board will follow up with him to do this work this fall.

Reformation Service – the date is October 28th. The location and meal has not been finalized at this time. The speaker will be Pastor Jeffrey Robinson from the Indiana District. Look for more information in your church newsletters and bulletins.

LMAC Mission Statement – Terry Patz presented a revised mission statement that the board has been considering. The reason for the change was that LMAC is really no longer involved in establishing churches as they do not have the funds to do so. The new mission statement reads:

To assist the LCMS churches of the Evansville East and West circuits of the Indiana District through worship, educational, benevolent, and charitable activities that promote Christian growth pursuant to the ideals, traditions, and customs of the LCMS. This change was **approved**.

Planning for 2019 and beyond – Don Diekmann reviewed the desire to have the building better utilized in the future. At this time we would want a Lutheran service type of organization. Several have been contacted, but no interest or fit at present. Please keep this in your prayers and if you know of an organization that we should contact please let Don know.

There were a number of events planned at various churches for September.

The next semi-annual meeting will be on February 23, 2019.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 AM.