

Church Council Meeting
Thursday, March 16, 2017

In attendance: Mark Waggoner, John Duarte, Carol Gaskamp, Dave Smith, Randi Ladolcetta, Pastor Skip

- Call to order and opening prayer – 6:35
 - President John Duarte
- Devotional – Dave Smith
 - Dave discussed how devotion should be heart changing, not mind changing. He read Psalm 62:5 and shared some stories about how God has worked in his heart
- Review of previous meeting's minutes
 - Carol made a motion to approve as read
 - Mark seconded
 - Unanimous approval
- Dwelling in the Word – Deuteronomy 1:19-33
 - Dave and Carol Read
 - Discussed how trust is easy to lose but hard to get back
 - The sent people ahead, but if Moses really trusted God he would have just said let's go. As leaders, we should be trusting God and moving in his direction
 - The tent conversations remind us of parking lot conversations; people may agree during meetings, but once they reach the parking lot their minds can easily be changed and they become disgruntled
 - We discussed how trusting God is hard and involved change which can be scary
 - Sometimes we can be so inward focused that we miss what God is doing outside our walls
 - We need to try harder to give "it" to God and listen and pray, He will do His works, with or without us
- Discerning Prayer
 - Ministry Team Leads: Evangelism & Outreach, Stewardship, and Youth
 - Direction of New Council, Guidance
 - God's Vision for Lord of Life
- Old Business
 - Communication Cluster Leads
 - Dave will take on being the council contact for this. He will email the leaders and make sure they have contacted their cluster members.
 - Debrief Reconciled in Christ Informational Meeting
 - Attendance was low, why?
 - Did people not know about it?
 - Do they not care?
 - Are they so angry they didn't want to come?

- New Business
 - Accept Transfer of Melissa Neeley to Redeemer Lutheran Church (LC_MS), Austin, Texas
 - Accept transfer, all approved
 - Date for becoming Reconciling in Christ Congregation
 - We will have a presentation at both services, council members will attempt to attend both services
 - The presentation will be either April 30 or May 21
 - Mark will contact Daniel to determine what we need to do for the presentation
 - Developing relationship with Islamic Ahlul Bayt Association
 - The leaders have attended each other's programs. They are very open to developing a relationship
 - Council will think about ideas to develop and foster this relationship
 - Pastor will reach out as council would like to attend a program.
 - Vacant Ministry Team Leads
 - Council is assigned with appointing members as the lead. We will all pray and think about names to bring to the next meeting. Pastor will speak with the members and the process will go from there. If someone agrees, council will vote to appoint them.
 - Community Gardens
 - The Breakfast men's group has started moving forward on using our land for a community garden by offering plots. It is on the agenda at the property team meeting on April 6. Council is whole heartedly behind this idea.
- Closing Prayer – Pastor Skip
- Meeting Adjourned – 9:55pm