

**In Attendance:** Janell Moburg, Ross Amundson, Pastor Paul Shumaker, Paul Osborne, Dave Ampe, Dee Johnson, Kelley Heimerman, Pastor Adam Butler

**Devotions:** The meaning of the church and its congregation. Nice message from Marilyn's family on what Paynesville Lutheran meant to her.

Motion to approve the December minutes was made by Ross seconded by Paul O. All approved.

**Staff Reports:** nothing to report to full council.

**Old Business:**

**Capital Improvements:**

The project is finishing up, but we still have remaining funds to create improvements. The phone system can be updated for \$2,833.07. This is not in the initial scope of the project, but because of the excess funds, can be done.

A motion was made by Pastor Paul, seconded by Kelley to update the phone system. All approved.

**New Business:**

**Constitution:** A motion was made by Pastor Paul, seconded by Kelley to change the wording of the constitution from:

Notice of all meetings of this congregation shall be given at the services of worship on the preceding two consecutive Sundays and by mail to all voting members at least 10 days in advance of the date of the meeting. The posting of such notice in the regular mail, with the regular postage affixed or paid, sent to the last known address of such members shall be sufficient.

to....

Notice of all meetings of this congregation shall be given at the services of worship on the preceding two consecutive Sundays and by mail or electronic means, as permitted by state law, to all [voting] members at least 10 days in advance of the date of the meeting.

This is so it is more up to date with current forms of communication. All approved.

**Insurance:**

An insurance adjustment has not been made since 2014 according to pastor salaries. Thus, there is an adjustment payment for both pastors because of their increases in salaries since this time.

Pastor Paul made a motion, seconded by Kelley, to take the sum of \$3064.39 for Pastor Paul and \$155.37 for Pastor Adam pulled out of the 2017 budget to be paid into both pastors' retirement accounts as soon as possible. All approved.

**Budget:**

An updated draft was given to the council with minor changes. A motion was made by Ross to approve the 2018 budget, seconded by Paul O. All approved.

**Calendar:**

Deacons: no meeting in January

Sr. Shepherds: no meeting in January

Trustees: January 9th at 6:00 pm

Youth and Family: January 9th

Council: January 21st after the congregational meeting

Congregational Meeting: January 21<sup>st</sup>

Motion to adjourn made by Ross, seconded by Dee. All approved.