

The Congregational Council of Chimney Rock Church was called to order at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, October 11, 2017, by President Ione Jacobson. Members present: Billie Loesel, Brad Olson, Bev Paulsen, Jenessa Perry, Don Solfest, Luke Pederson, Pastor Lisa Watson-Hill, and Susan Solli. Forrest Nutter and Jennifer Perry were also present.

The Secretary's report was read and accepted.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted; the balance in checking as of August 31, 2017 was \$13,314.13, and the balance in the Improvement Fund was \$2,501.45.

There was no old business.

The following items of new business were discussed:

1. Motion made by Luke, seconded by Jenessa, and passed to keep reporting the minutes as they are now: sent to TriParish newsletter, posted on the Chimney Rock website, and copies in the narthex.
2. Following up on a motion made during the last annual meeting, Forrest Nutter has narrowed the lighted artificial Christmas tree search down to two models, photos of which he passed around. Motion made by Brad, seconded by Bev, and passed for Forrest to purchase two trees at Menard's at a cost of \$209.99 each. He will apply for tax exemption with our number. Susan will send an insert for the bulletin inviting anyone who wishes to contribute to the cost of these trees.
3. There was a discussion of how we might attract new members to our congregation.
4. Ione, Brad, and Pastor Lisa have received numerous complaints about the play area's distraction factor. There was a discussion of how to improve this: soft toys, something to keep the children from wandering into the altar area, and encouraging families wishing to use this area to sit closer to it on the left side of the nave.
5. Coffee after church was discussed; the W/ELCA is no longer coordinating this, and the Sunday School has taken it over. Jennifer Perry was on hand to discuss the handling of it: anyone wishing to contribute or serve should contact her, and any monies collected will be distributed back to various functions/programs of the congregation after expenses are covered.

Pastor gave devotions and the pastoral report. Attached to the report was the policy concerning abuse prevention in our congregations. Council members are asked to read this before the next meeting so it can be voted on by the council.

The next meeting will be at 7:30 on Wednesday, November 8.

The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Solli, Council Secretary