

Praise & Worship Lutheran Church

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Family Meeting

January 27, 2019

Leadership Team present:

President: Harley Schmitgen

Secretary: Adina Fulsom

Treasurer: Kirk Manion

Meeting called to order at 12:30 p.m. Pastor Mark opened with prayer

Harley announced there would four items on the agenda.

The first item was the financial report. Kirk Manion gave a summary of the annual 2019 budget changes and additions to missions. A Seminary Fund, Pregnancy Life Line, The Daily Grind (Hollister) and a Discretionary Missions have been added. He explained the CDs and Money Market Funds and the amounts to be used from each one that is being proposed for payment of the land and incidental expenses if the congregation accepts going forward with building a new home base for Praise and Worship. He also discussed the interest rates of the construction and long term loan with LCEF. The Leadership Team will be providing weekly updates as they develop. He reminded us that all tithes and offerings are confidential.

Motion made to accept the budget.

Seconded and carried.

The second item, Linda Reinbold gave the list of nominees:

Larry Mueller, Vice President; Mickey and Gary Dorland, at Large; Dolph Neubauer and Ted Martin, Spiritual Support.

Motion made to accept these nominees.

Seconded and carried.

Since Kirk Manion is not allowed by constitution to continue as Treasurer, he will be the interim treasurer until someone comes forward. This is needed as soon as possible. He has developed a system that he is willing to train someone on and will stay on as Assistant Treasurer when a new Treasurer comes forward.

The third item, Ted Martin explained that we can no longer continue meeting at Lindwedel Winery as of December 31, 2019. They are expanding their operations and need the space. He said that renting at another location only provides 1 day a week usage for approximately the same cost as building on a site that we can use 24/7. A “God Size Goal”. He described a 60 X 100 foot building on Missouri District Land that would seat 250 people, a warming kitchen, enlarged bathroom facilities, a meeting room and hard surface handicap parking spaces, and one that would be open to the community for mission outreach. NOT a huge “mega church”. He proposed that this structure would not cost in excess of \$500K.\*\* (see follow up from April 28, 2019 below). A Morton building is being researched by Larry Mueller and an approximate cost has come in considerably lower than stick built. There was much more discussion and questions asked by congregation members. Ted suggested that we go forward with loan request from LCEF and this God Size Goal to build, spending no more than \$500K, and to be considerably less if possible.

Motion to proceed with a cost not exceeding \$500K for the building and \$100K for the land.

Seconded and carried.

Fourth item, Pastor Mark explained more about The Daily Grind mission outreach in Hollister. He introduced Jeff Mitten who described the coffee shop atmosphere with Pastors Barry Kolb and Mark holding more of a Q & A about the Bible, Joel Telschow leading worship songs and Anthony Hunter bringing his illustrations. The website is found at [www.Branson.church/Grind](http://www.Branson.church/Grind). The main objective is to reach out to those not attending church and not interested in doing so. Please pray for these gatherings. Jeff suggested that all are welcome to come but to please sit with newcomers and start friendships with them.

Pastor Mark closed with prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

**\*\*CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON APRIL 28, 2019**

The Leadership Team, after gathering more information, presented a motion to the Voters' Assembly for the loan amount, to be \$575,000, which was approved on Sunday April 28, 2019.