



## COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The council met on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 at 7 pm. Members present: Mark Parnell, President; Deanna Anderson, Vice President ; Alex Oelkers, Treasurer; Cheri Affeldt, Member at Large; Pastor Jedidiah Scharmer. Absent: Chris Van Hofwegen, Secretary; Jim Swartwood, Member at Large

**Open Meeting** Devotion/Prayer: Mark

Jan 17 Jim; Feb 7 Chris; Feb 21 Deanna; March 7 Cheri; March 20 Pastor; April 4 Mark

**Discernment – What are you hearing from God?** If what you are hearing is applicable to a later agenda item, wait to discuss at that time. Mark shared how God's presence was very evident in Sara's calling & the move to ND went perfectly. He's very excited at the reception and love shown to Sara by her new church members during the move.

**Announcements – Happy New Year! New Member Class 1/22, receiving 1/29**

**Review /Approval of Agenda:** Approved

**Review /Approval of Secretary's Minutes:** Deanna needs to send out

**Pastor's and Ministry Reports (1st Meeting of Month):** Discussion regarding homeless man staying at church during cold weather. Pastor stated that he is a good guy, know by community and not a threat. Also discussed wanting to do more to help aid with the homeless problem in the area. Discussed looking into purchasing a fish house or something similar.

**Attendance Report (1st Meeting of Month):**

**Treasurer's Report (2nd Meeting of Month)**

**New Business: None**

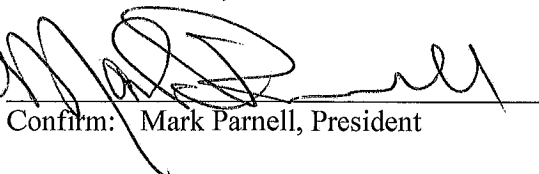
**Recurring Business**

- Go over items that call committee needs for their 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting
- Set additional Council meeting date for budget ( jan,31<sup>st</sup> ?? )
  - We will discuss this at the next meeting
- Spend down of 2016 Budget.
- Discussion of what next year's budget is going to start to look like.
  - We need to get more pledge cards in. Currently have 100 cards rec'd, last year we had 144
  - Council will address the congregation at each service for the next 3 weeks (1/8, 1/15 & 1/22)
    - Pastor will send out a draft of what the message should say
  - Email will go out this week asking for members to complete pledge cards
    - Pastor will check to see if this can go to both adults in the home
  - Mark will talk to Julie about a call list of members who haven't completed their pledge yet

**Unfinished Business NONE!**

**Adjourn and Closing Prayer:** Without objection the meeting was adjourned and council closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Deanna Anderson, Council Vice President

  
Confirm: Mark Parnell, President

  
Attest: Deanna Anderson, Vice President