SVLM BOARD MEETING

4/21/2015

PRESENT: Pr. Jeff May, Walt Morgan, Beverly Polk, Connie Fauber, Pr. Deanna Boynton, Pr. Mary Louise Brown, Hilde Knupp, Jeannie Coffman, Susan Fleming, Cathy Christovich, Leslie Heird

Connie opened the meeting with devotions, emphasizing awareness of our surroundings and our inner thoughts. She then informed the board of her resignation, saying that SVLM as a non-profit needs to step back and reflect, considering changes in our direction, branding and mission. She said she had been privileged to be part of SVLM but needed to use her talents in other areas. Pr. Deanna offered prayer for her and and SVLM’s future.

Jeannie Coffman met the people present at the meeting and introduced herself, giving a short description of her background and what she brings to the position of Faith Community Nurse. She hopes to both serve the participating congregations

She will meet with the pastors of each participating congregation on these dates:

May 3, St. Paul’s Strasburg, May 5, St. Luke Brethren, May 10, St. Paul’s Jerome. She will have office hours but will be available by phone and cell phone, because illness does not have a 9-to-5 schedule.

Jeannie will be commissioned May 31 at St. Paul’s Jerome. Pr. Jim Baseler will preside and Bishop James Mauney will preach. Jeannie agreed to be at Mt. Zion to explain the program Sunday morning 4/26.

Prince of Peace Lutheran has decided not to participate but Bergton has expressed interest. Susan suggested that Mt. Zion might be interested but would need to discuss the matter in Council. Bev Polk suggested that St. Luke might also be interested.

The agenda was approved and the March minutes were accepted with one amendment. Cathy will send the amended minutes to Susan for posting on the website. The treasurer’s report will be filed for audit.

Jeannie will need a portable lock box and a shredder; she and Pr. Mary Louise will purchase these items. Pr. Deanna has ordered business cards with Jeannie’s contact information and Jeannie has created an email account jeanniefcn@gmail.com Her phone numbers (which will be on her cards) are Home: 540-856-9033 and Cell: 540-975-1919. Walt suggested an email informing board members of Connie’s decision and asking them to attend the next meeting. Pr. Deanna suggested that that meeting should be in two months’ time to give all interested parties time to get the word that our situation is changing. There was consensus that some mode of appreciation should be shown to Connie.

Pr. Jeff May told us that ‘God’s Work, Our Hands’ project will be taken over by the CVC in conjunction with Caroline Furnace Lutheran Camp. They will work with them on one or more service projects.

Following from Connie’s resignation, Pr. Jeff commented that we need some time to reflect and discern how to proceed. He suggested that we consider whether our current structure serves us well. He also suggested that Hilde, as current Vice President, chair the next few meetings while we attempt to sort things out. Walt mentioned that because we are a 501c3 organization a formal reorganization could be complicated. Hilde mentioned that a letter to all the congregation councils in the CVC. Cathy will draft a letter asking other congregations to join SVLM.

Copies of the by-laws and articles of incorporation are available on the SVLM website in the section for board members. The password for this area is <bodlutherans> Pr. Deanna suggested that our next meeting should concentrate on our way forward, with any reorganizational moves waiting for the next month.

In lieu of a board meeting in May, there will be a reception in Connie’s honor.

As our meeting for June, Pr. May suggested a planning and reflection day, perhaps on a Saturday. Tentatively scheduled for June 13, with June 27 as alternate. Probable place is St. Luke Parish Hall. Bev will check calendar and let Cathy know, she will then send out email to board members and active pastors. Pr. Jeff will facilitate. (Include directions to bylaws so everyone can become familiar with them.) Attendees are asked to bring a bag lunch.

The meeting adjourned with the Lord’s Prayer.