

Church Council News, October 2017

Council received a briefing by Steve Carlson, Treasurer, and Ray Griswold, chair of the Finance Committee, on the current draft 2018 budget proposal. Consistent with the messages to the Congregation, the budget is proposed to be equivalent to the 2017 budget. The standing committees are to be commended for painful proposals where cuts in expenses could be made. Quote: "It is not a happy budget proposal but is realistic." Be sure to read the messages written by Ray.

November 19 at 5:00 PM has been set for the Fall Congregation Meeting. The youth will again provide for our meal.

A motion was carried asking the Property Committee to consider and recommend proposal(s) on providing for wheelchair seating in the Nave.

Council was briefed on the nascent Hispanic ministry in the Manassas area. Bible study, begun at St. Mark's on Sunday evenings, is now being held at homes in that area.

A briefing was given on the possibility of offering training in discipling and making connections. This is an emphasis by the ELCA and the Metro Synod for the next two years in which St. Mark's wants to participate. The briefing was an introduction for the Council.

The next Council meeting will be November 13.

God Bless the people of St. Mark's.

Paul Palm, President