**Advent Lutheran Church – Church Council Meeting – September 19, 2018 Minutes**

**Present – Voting (n=11)**: Pastor Danielle Miller, Pastor Gary Mills, David Richards, Michael Hammett, Charles Miller, Miriam Sitz Grebey, John Dohlin, Norma Martin, Juan Minier, Blessing Tawengwa, Bree Vandenburg

**Present – Not Voting** **(n=1):** Kevin Bowen, David de Barros

**Not Present – Excused** **(n=1)**: Bayardo Peralta

1. **Call to Order**

Miriam Sitz Grebey led the devotion, discussing takeaways from MYLE, the Multicultural Youth Leadership Event, then reading Ephesians 2:14-19 and listening to “Soon and Very Soon.”

1. **Executive Session**
2. **Consent Agenda**

The Church Council accepted the consent agenda consisting of meeting minutes, staff reports, and financial statements.

* **Pastor’s Report** — Details pastoral concerns and provides updates about ministry, administrative, building, scheduling and other items.
* **Latino Ministry Report** – Provides updates about the Latino ministry.
* **Communications and Youth Ministry Report** – Provides updates about communications and outreach efforts and youth activities.
* **Financial Reports** — Statement of Activities, Statement of Financial Position, Dedicated Accounts

**Action** ***(Motioned, Seconded, Approved)*:** The Church Council voted to accept all items of the consent agenda as indicated above. August meeting minutes will be included in next month’s consent agenda.

1. **Strategic Discussions: Presentations, Feedback, and Actions**

**Piano Grant.**

Norma Martin recommends Advent apply to the Sloan Piano Fund for $17,000 to make up the deficit from our purchase of the new piano. It’s a longshot but not impossible. There is still a piano downstairs that has not been sold.

**Executive Session.**

1. **Next Meeting**

The next Council meeting will take place on **Wednesday, October 17th at 7 p.m.** Blessing Tawengwa will lead the devotion.

* **Adjournment — Closing Prayer.**

David Richards closed the meeting in prayer.

***Respectfully submitted by M. Sitz Grebey, 9/19/18***