

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 8, 2023, CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEETING

Present: Pastor Christine Olson; Vice-President Terrie Porras; Secretary Joanna Magrane; Treasurer Debbie Villas; Jim Briar; Stacy Hansen; Jeff Hines; Chris Nelson; Jeremy Sallgren; Cindy Smith; Bill Taccolini Excused: President Matt Vanni; Betty Kohrt; Gail Sieglaff Present to Report: Patti Treptow; Judy Raygo

Call to Order/Agenda Approval: In Matt's absence the meeting was led by VP Terrie Porras. Terrie called the meeting to order at 6:02 then called for review and approval of the Agenda. Bill made a MOTION to approve the Agenda, SECONDED by Cindy, MOTION CARRIED.

Opening Devotion: Pastor Christine led the council in a devotion and prayer.

Secretary's Report: Terry called for review and approval of the Minutes of the June 14, 2023, meeting. Stacy made a MOTION to approve the Minutes, SECONDED by Jeremy, MOTION CARRIED.

Treasurer's and Finance Committee Report: Debbie presented the Financial Reports noting that we'll need to keep an eye on the checking account balance, which is a bit low at \$11, 083 as of July 31. Offering statements will be mailed out in October as a reminder to members of progress toward pledges.

Debbie presented the Finance Committee's Report as written. A question was raised as to whether the Carl and Marian Johnson scholarship check(s) should be made out to the recipient alone or the recipient and their college. Jeff offered to research the issue and report back to the council.

ACTION ITEMS: OLD BUSINESS

God's Work Our Hands: Council agreed to assemble baby & toddler kits for Rainbow House as our God's Work Our Hands project this year. Betty contacted Rainbow House and was given a list of specific items they need. A box will be placed in the narthex for donations. We will assemble the kits after church on September 10th, the last Sunday of our summer schedule, as this will hopefully allow more people to participate.

AED/CPR Training: AED/CPR training, as well as training in the use of Narcan, will be held at the church on August 17th. An anonymous donor has generously offered to pay the fee for all participants.

Independent Contracts: Based on information obtained from the Synod office, the Executive Council decided to discontinue the use of Independent Contracts and return to our previous procedure.

After discussion regarding various options for paying the choir director and what the expectations for the position will be, Cindy made a MOTION to pay \$50 per practice with the expectation that the choir will perform two times per month and for special services. Jeremy SECONDED and the MOTION CARRIED.

Meatball Supper: Barb Stankevitz has volunteered to coordinate the meatball supper, which is scheduled for October 26th.

Vision Team/ Faithful Innovation: Terrie reported that the Faithful Innovation team is currently gathering faith stories from congregation members and (re)reading The Agile Church. They will be doing a neighborhood walk on August 24th and their next retreat will be September 23rd.

REPORTS

Youth & Family Ministry Director's Report: Patti presented her report as written.

President's Report: None (Matt not present)

Youth Committee (Little Lutherans): Did not meet (Stacy)

Learning Committee: Bill reported that Vacation Bible School was a success, with a great turnout, many volunteers, and a lot of fun activities. The committee's next meeting will be held on August 22nd.

Endowment Committee: Did not meet (Jeff)

Fellowship Committee: Joanna reported that the committee met on July 11th. Coffee Hour will be discontinued until Fall due to low attendance. The committee reviewed the results of its recent survey and decided to host a Bunco and Dessert Night for adults on August 16th. A family bowling event is tentatively planned for January. The committee's next meeting will be held on August 15th.

Human Resources Committee: Did not meet

Memorial Committee: Did not meet (Cindy)

Outreach Committee: Did not meet

Policy & Procedure Committee: Did not meet

Property: Jeremy reported that the AC unit that cools Patti's and Pastor's offices went out. The repair estimate is \$8500. The committee decided that it isn't necessary to move forward with the repair at this time.

The elevator is working well; Matt plans to follow up regarding the 3-year maintenance.

The chimney will require brick work as originally planned, but the committee has decided not to have it done this year. It will likely be quite expensive.

The committee will seek snowplowing bids for this winter.

Stewardship Committee: Did not meet (Chris)

Worship Committee: Did not meet; This is scheduling worship assistants.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Christine presented her report as written.

ACTION ITEMS: NEW BUSINESS

Casa Picnic: Stacy reported that the CASA picnic, which Council is sponsoring, will be held on August 21st, from 6-8 at Henes Park. We will be providing meat, buns, and condiments, and serving the food. There will be sign-up sheets in the narthex for volunteers to cover 3 shifts. We will also request donations of cash and toys.

Rally Day Sunday: Rally Day will be September 17th at Henes Park with a 10:00 service. A picnic, hosted by the Fellowship Committee, will follow. Patti will coordinate games for the children.

Calendar: A church calendar will now be included with the Messenger.

Gift Presentation for Pastor Schoen: Terrie and Cindy will present Pastor Schoen with a gift at the beginning of the service next Sunday, August 13th, in honor of the 50th anniversary of his ordination, along with a card signed by the congregation. After discussion, Cindy made a MOTION to purchase a \$150 gift certificate from Berg's Landing for Pastor and Marilyn Schoen, SECONDED by Bill, MOTION CARRIED.

LONG TERM PROJECT/GOALS

No Agenda items

ADJOURNMENT

Jeremy made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 7:47, SECONDED by Cindy, MOTION CARRIED. The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanna Magrane, Council Secretary