

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 15, 2024, CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEETING

Present: Pastor Christine Olson; President Terrie Porras; VP Jim Briar; Secretary Joanna Magrane; Cindy Smith; Gail Sieglaff; Jeremy Sallgren; Eileen Beyer; Holly Bayerl; Brianna Camps; Youth Member Emily Lenca **Excused:** Treasurer Deb Villas; Bill Taccolini; VP Chris Nelson; Jeff Hines **Present to Report:** Patti Treptow; Judy Raygo

Call to Order & Approval of Agenda: Terrie called the meeting to order at 6:04. Brianna made a MOTION to approve the Agenda, SECONDED by Gail, MOTION CARRIED.

Opening Devotion: Pastor Christine led a discussion of Philippians 4:1-9.

Secretary's Report: Terrie called for review of the September 10, 2024, Minutes. The Minutes were accepted as presented and filed.

Treasurer's & Finance Committee Report: In Deb and Jeff's absence, Terrie reported that the budget process is underway, and that Deb has set up the Vanco mobile app, which will be accessible soon. Terrie also reviewed the financial reports and Judy distributed the Minutes of the Finance Committee's September 10, 2024, meeting. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented and filed.

ACTION ITEMS: OLD BUSINESS

Fundraisers: Holly reported that the Brat Sale will be postponed until late May, June, or July, to avoid any conflict with other church events/fundraisers. Holly also suggested that a fundraising calendar may be helpful.

Church Pictorial Directory: Brianna has sent an email to those who signed up to help with the directory. They will meet soon to decide on various options, establish a timeline, etc.

Air Conditioners: Tabled until March 2025

Contemporary Service: Tabled until March 2025

ACTION ITEMS: NEW BUSINESS

Approval of 2024 Confirmands: Patti presented the following Confirmation candidates for Council approval: Madi Christiansen, Brayden Daigneau, Brody Daigneau, Oliver Jones, Andrew Miller, and Mylie Slawinski. Jeremy made a MOTION to approve the 2024 Confirmands as presented, SECONDED by Cindy, MOTION CARRIED.

Contract Renewal for Pastor Christine: After discussion, Gail made a MOTION to extend Pastor Christine's Interim Pastor Contract to after Easter 2025, SECONDED by Cindy, MOTION CARRIED.

REPORTS

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

President's Report: Terrie reminded Council members of the Meatball Supper to be held October 17th and urged them to invite others. She also thanked members for their God's Work Our Hands efforts. Terrie reported that the Nominating Committee has been activated and encouraged members to think about potential candidates to fill upcoming Council vacancies and other appointed positions. She also noted that Council members should be thinking about who will serve as officers in 2025, and that our December Council meeting will begin early with a potluck meal.

Committee Reports: The following committees reported:

Outreach: Joanna reported that Coats for Kids is currently underway. The committee will be meeting on October 20th to discuss upcoming projects.

Fellowship: The Fellowship Committee will be hosting Thankful Bunco on November 7th. There will be a signup sheet in the narthex and participants are asked to bring a nonperishable food item for donation to the St. Vincent food pantry. Patti and the Youth Group will host the Thanksgiving Eve Pie Social. Fellowship will provide plates and Cool Whip. The committee also discussed budget needs.

Youth/Learning: Patti reported that there will be a noisy kettle offering on November 10th to fund food donations for needy Menominee families. The Sunday School students will compile a list of foods to include, committee members will shop based on their list, and each family will be given a tote of food items. The Youth Committee will also sponsor a Trunk or Treat trunk.

Property: Jeremy reported that Seams Right has been hired to plow the parking lot this winter and salt as needed. The committee is looking into purchasing a salt spreader and supply of salt to salt the parking lot ourselves. Scott Gleisner will salt the sidewalks. The committee is still considering various options regarding the chimney repair.

Worship: Brianna reported that the committee met on September 25th and discussed upcoming events, including Reformation Sunday, Confirmation, All Saints Sunday, Christ the King Sunday, Advent, and Christmas Services. Christmas trees will be decorated on December 8th and taken down January 5th. The narthex trees may or may not be put up, depending on the number of volunteers participating.

Stewardship: Eileen reported that the 2024 Stewardship program began on October 13th, with the theme "Give Back the Blessing". After kickoff, committee signup opportunities, packet distribution, stewardship messages, and Commitment Sunday, the program will conclude with Celebration Sunday on November 17th.

Endowment: The Endowment Fund Committee Meeting report was presented as written. Recipients of monetary donations for 2024 include Menominee Children's Museum, Abundant Life Homeless Shelter, Lutheran Disaster Relief (Hurricane Helene), and Lutheran World Relief Fund (Gaza/Israel).

Visitation Team: Terrie noted that it's the Team's One Year Anniversary

Pastor's Report: Pastor Christine presented her report as written and also noted that the October 12th Resource Fair was cancelled due to lack of participation. Pastor Christine also reported that volunteer representatives are needed to attend the Fall Conference Convention on October 20th. Brianna volunteered.

ADJOURNMENT

Jeremy made a MOTION to adjourn, SECONDED by Gail, MOTION CARRIED. Terrie adjourned the meeting at 7:45. The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanna Magrane

Council Secretary