

Minutes of the March 11th, 2025 Congregation Council Meeting

Present: Pastor Christine Olson; President Brianna Camps; Vice President Joanna Magrane; Secretary Holy Bayerl; Cindy Smith, Jeff Hines, Jeremy Sallgren; Jim Briar; Allyson Bickel; Janet Conklin; James Porras; Eileen Beyer; Deb Villas, Patti Treptow; Youth Representative Andrew Miller, Unexcused Absences: Gail Sieglaff

Call to Order & Approval of Agenda: President Brianna called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m., and called for a brief review/approval of the meeting agenda. A **MOTION** was made by James and **SECONDED** by Allyson to approve the minutes and agenda. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Opening Devotion: Dwelling in the Word was led by Pastor Christine from 2Corinthians 5:16-21 NLT, and a discussion followed, completed by 6:21 p.m.

Ministry Site Profile Discussion: Pastor Christine led the council in two questions regarding our community and church congregation- listing the challenges and changes that have happened in the last 3-5 years. They were completed, discussed and collected by 6:37 p.m. Much discussion and ideas to get more input from church members through social media, surveys in pews, Facebook and word of mouth were given.

Review Minutes from February Council Meeting: Brianna asked the council to review last months minutes. They were accepted as filed.

Treasurer's and Finance Reports: At 6:38 p.m., Deb Villas began her presentation of the reports, including combined months of Jan. and Feb. of 2025, and comparisons of previous years. Deb answered any questions that arose, then her report was accepted as given and filed.

At 6:46 p.m., Deb began a discussion regarding some recently missing items, altered equipment; including the Mevo camera used to broadcast our services. Steps were taken to secure any rooms and equipment ahead of the meeting, and procedures begun to eradicate the current situation. Keys for these rooms were also discussed with Jeremy agreeing to get S & O Lock to come and get doors checked and keys in place that have better compatibility & use by church staff. Plans discussed to use undesignated memorial funds to replace/order a new Mevo camera- as soon as possible to restore the service broadcasts. Ended at 7:03 p.m.

Action Items : Old Business

Church Photo Directory- Brianna led and offered examples of two photo directory companies- Memories (Menominee) and Harmon Studios (DePere) The council was able to view a recently completed church directory from Bethel Lutheran by Memories, and Brianna provided a chart of both companies offers. Jeremy made a **MOTION** and Joanna **SECONDED** in favor of Memories. All in favor, **MOTION CARRIED.** Possible dates were discussed, using Sundays after church services, pending confirmation with company. Brianna will communicate with them for September and October of 2025.

Contemporary Service: Allyson and Brianna will look into research and getting more information. Youth Rep. Andrew was also very interested in joining to keep ideas flowing and develop a committee.

Air Conditioner/s (Property Committee): Jeremy and Jim B. explained the situation with our church system of not only air conditioners, by furnace needs and connections. Much discussion and questions followed regarding two companies estimates. Cindy made a MOTION to go with Menza & Zak Heating/Cooling/HVAC (Marinette) and James SECONDED. All in favor, MOTION CARRIED. 7:35 p.m.

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Committee Goal Setting for the Year- Tabled until April Meeting, due to time concerns.

REPORTS:

Youth & Family Ministry Director's Report: Submitted as written, and accepted.

Youth Representative Report: Andrew jumped right in, and explained that GLOW group are having T-shirts made for their Bingo activity with residents of the Luther Home on March 30th. He also stated everything is going good, as they are in contact through social media and there are 11 youth in the group, with 4-7 average attendance.

President's Report: Brianna briefly explained thanks for all the councils hard work, and that she hopes we successful in our goals, and committees throughout the coming year.

Youth: Holly first explained that the Little Lutherans wanted to keep the same name- including Youth Committee, at their meeting Sunday, March 9th. Name will stay- Little Lutherans Youth Committee. Then she explained the fun times and fellowship had by all who attended the Valentine Tea and activities held on Feb. 16th, in the Fellowship Hall. Because of the formalizing of group name, James made a MOTION and Jeremy SECONDED that LLYC, (typed out above) will be set as official committee name.

Property Committee: Jeremy stated they had not met yet regarding a possible change of having decorating listed under their committee heading. Cindy discussed getting new cooking/baking pan dimensions for Jeremy to look at for ovens. Jim B. offered up examples and Deb added that we need to look at getting updated, or new wi-fi thermostats to better regulate the cost of our utilities, which have gone up significantly recently and re based off a six month period for billing.

Fellowship: Patti informed them that Rally Day has been set, and pavilion reserved for Sept. 7th, 2025. Bunco will be held Tuesday, March 18th, with fun green prizes/food. Another possible Bunco will be May 29th. They are looking into getting a team or two together for The Spirit House Thursday, May 1st, Trivia Nights (Six people per team) Also looking into other

Church groups or committees hosting a coffee hour to help out with this welcoming offering to member and guests alike.

Outreach: Did not meet, but will be distributing 19 Easter Baskets for the Easter Season, and will be hosting coffee hours for both Mother's and Father's Day Sundays.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Christine Olson submitted her report as written, and accepted by 8:09 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Jeremy MOTIONED to adjourn, with Cindy making a SECOND, followed by President Brianna called the meeting to end at 8:10 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting concluded with a prayer led by Pastor Christin and the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Holly Bayerl

Council Secretary