

Minutes of the April 8th, 2025 Congregation Council Meeting

Present: Pastor Christine Olson; President Brianna Camps; Vice President Joanna Magrane; Secretary Holly Bayerl; Cindy Smith, Gail Sieglaff, Allyson Bickel, Janet Conklin, James Porras, Jeremy Sallgren, Eileen Beyer, Jim Briar; Patti Treptow, Deb Villas, Judy Raygo. Excused: Jeff Hines, and Andrew Miller (Youth Representative)

Call to Order & Approval of Agenda: President Brianna called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Calling for a brief review of agenda; James Made a MOTION to approve the agenda, with Gail making a 2nd.

Opening Devotion: Dwelling in the Word was led by Pastor Christine, with Joanna reading first, and Gail reading the passages second.

Review of Minutes: from March meeting, Minutes were accepted and filed, but some discussion on the statement to go with a local vendor, get updated estimate. More discussion later.

Treasurer's Report: Deb Villas went over the financial report; accepted work on door locks, garbage disposal, camera purchased. Door locks are now updated, with new keys for staff. Sound system still needs attention to work properly, as wifi didn't pick up with the new Mevo camera. The Mevo camera is now working; Nanny camera was returned- paid \$53/return of \$36. Report was accepted and filed by 6:53 p.m.

Action Items- Old Business:

Church Directory- Brianna gave an updated report on Memories (Menominee), and dates were discussed for pictures to be taken in the Fall; Sundays- October 19th and 26th (Reformation and Confirmation). All pictures will be taken before, between and after 10:00 a.m. service. Brianna stated she would set up a jpg file, so we can all send her pictures of Church events to be able to send in one file to Memories for the extra directory pages. We will look at sending out a "Save the Date" in July (or July, August, and September) to get information to members.

Contemporary Services/Music: Group met April 13th at 11:30 a.m., and will attend other church services, and gather more information on our sound systems and needs. Will report when they have more information.

A/C Unit: Questions arose about the Menza and Zak Heating and Cooling, regarding staying with the old unit, as the quote was the same as fall of '24, possibly up \$200-300.00, with a new model being \$1,000 more. Much discussion was had, with Jeremy calling Eric Menza, and putting him on speaker phone with the council at 7:15 p.m. He stated that the old was environmentally better refrigerant, efficiency the same; the costs for a 5 ton system for equipment and to install has gone up. The new one: refrigerant- it is slightly flammable, needs a

sensor, forces fan on, which increases the forced air/refrigerant around the building. Eric stated that most companies stock these refrigerants/systems that can last 22-23 years (using the 410A refrigerant now). Going forward, he'll service for the next 20 years. Some questions were asked of him, which he answered completely. Cindy Smith made a **MOTION** to accept the Menza and Zak A/C price as quoted. Allyson made a 2nd. **MOTION** was carried, at 7:25 p.m.

New Business:

Goal Setting for the Year- We looked at examples of what we can do with Growth Worship Participation; Spiritual Growth, Mixing adult and youth opportunities, possible additional activities at Rally Day Sunday; music, games, bingo. Sharing Faith Stories during services, or in the Messenger, and Joys and Thanksgivings. Faith Sharing could be on the first Sunday of the month. Many other ideas were shared.

Reports:

Youth and Family Ministry Director's Report: Submitted as written, and accepted. Youth held a bingo event at the Luther Home, on April 13th.

President's Report: No new items, but Brianna stated she is very appreciative of the time the council puts into church mission. She mentioned that a group was going to see The Chosen movie- Part 3 on April 13th at 1:15 p.m., if anyone wanted to join. It will be the last three episodes of season 5, with dinner to follow afterwards at Ellie's Pub & Grill.

Little Lutherans: Holly stated the easter egg hunt will be April 13th, right after the 10:00 a.m. service for all age groups, with the palm procession before the service. The final event will be the Sunday School picnic held at Water Tower Park on May 18th, during the 10:a.m. service.

Property: Cleaning of the carpets, will be getting bids, so it can be done shortly. They were looking at whether the whole church carpeting should be done, or partial. Mansory bid, not doing the chimney, but touch u work is needed, possibly in phases. Matt V. will be looking into getting a schedule. It may cost as much as \$20,000 for the old air handler that runs through the old chimney (\$1,000- stainless steel liner insert- couple of options, but both are costly) . Locks were installed the next day, after the last meeting, by a locksmith. Kitchen stoves will hold off, unless someone donates new ones. Possibly get a sign for using them, with proper temperature checks.

Fellowship: 5 events are upcoming; May 1st- Trivia Night at the Spirit House- having 6 person teams, May 29th- Blooming Bunco, Craft afternoon- making beeswax luminaries/\$25, with possible potluck- a few days, July- Beach Theme Bunco, and Rally Sunday with food- Sept. 7th

Outreach- They are assembling the Easter baskets for members not able to attend church.

Memorial: Marilyn Mouritsen will fund the cameras.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Christine Olson submitted her report as written, and it was accepted. **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting; Joanna, with Gail and Jeremy 2nd that motion; at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Holly Bayerl, Secretary