

Minutes of the May 13th, 2025 Congregation Council Meeting

Present: Pastor Christine Olson; President Brianna Camps; Vice President Joanna Magrane; Secretary Holly Bayerl; Cindy Smith, Janet Conklin, James Porras, Eileen Beyer, Jim Briar, Deb Villas, Jeff Hlmes, and Youth Rep.- Andrew Miller Excused: Jeremy Sallgren & Allyson Bickel; Unexcused: Gail Sieglaff

Call to Order & Approval of Agenda: President Brianna called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Next, she called for a review of the April Minutes. James made a **motion** to approve the minutes, with Cindy giving a 2nd.

Opening Devotion: Dwelling in the Word was led by Pastor Christine, beginning at 6:17 p.m.; with James reading first, and Brianna reading second, with discussing questions that arose from meaning of Luke 12:4-12 NRSVUE

Review of Minutes/Secretary Report: Council was asked to review April minutes. They were accepted as written and filed.

Ministry Site Questions: Questions were read, and discussed, some members sharing their thoughts/responses. Ending at 6:27 p.m.

Treasurer's Report: Large vendor bill was paid to Menza & Zak (\$7,000) for AC/install/removal bid, money was transferred from Fund. Mission Investment- new report coming in next months, we will renew on June 1st to 4.25%. Dedicated fund in okay, General on target, lilies were up from last year, pledges on target, Easter attendance increased. Some further discussion on ups/downs; with Jeff asking why the overall giving was down by \$12,000. Discussion ended by 6:40 p.m.

Goal Setting: (2025) Faith Testimonies- Reflections-

Goal #1. Written & Oral (forums) by October 2025. Possibly sharing generosity stories, maybe first of month or 10 stories by the end of October. Sharing during the summer services was also discussed; with Andrew volunteering to do his on June 22nd, and Holly doing hers on August 24th. July 27th- (Open)

Goal #2. Increasing Rally Day excitement- Booking a band, bingo with prizes, Prayer walk, and Muriel canvas available for members to write, color, paint, or post-it notes to display. All activities would be planned for during the Rally Day on Sept.. 7th. (completed by 7:00p.m.)

Action Items- New Business: Brat Sale- Jeff Bayerl came to share information on possible sale, and details of what is needed to hold a fundraiser in June and or July 2025. June and July dates were discussed; looking at June 6th & 7th, from 10:00-4:00p.m. at Jack's. Joanna offered to look into a block grant from Lutheran Brotherhood for matching funds. Dates will be finalized with Brandy at Jack's, then sign ups/advertising will begin.

Meatball Supper- It was discussed that it will continue under Barb S. leadership, with possible dates of October 15th or 16th, 2025. Council decided both fund raisers would be good to hold this year, and possibly another brat sale in the fall(Sept.) (7:00-7:15p.m.)

Reports:

Youth & Family: written and accepted as printed (Patti Treptow)

Youth Representative: Andrew shared how well the bingo event went at the Luther Home, eight youth went, and that they hope to do it again. He stated the youth would like to have an event every two months. He brought a new youth project to council; with an idea to paint some color mural to the basement wall hallway. They would need paint, painters tape, and tarps for the floor. Joanna made 1st/ motion to allow youth to paint walls, with Janet 2nd, **Motion passed unanimously.**

Presidents Report: Brianna gave a brief update on the discovery phase of the Worship/Music/Contemporary, and items are shared with Pastor Christine. The Annual meeting at Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp went well, and she encouraged everyone to go up and visit, if they could. A Synod Outreach Event is happening at Zion Lutheran Church in Marinette, on June 1st, from 6:00-8:00p.m. -It will be a Bonfire, which then will be held all over at other churches on the same date. All encouraged to attend that event also, to connect with other churches.

Little Lutherans: End of the year Sunday School party will be held, Sunday, May 18th at Water Tower Park, with the committee, Patti and some youth helping the students enjoy a light breakfast, and fun games.

Fellowship: Trivia Night was held May 1st at the Spirit House- our church sent three teams of 6 each, and all enjoyed themselves. Team 316 took 2nd place; choosing a \$25 gift certificate that was donated to the May Blooming Bunco prizes. Another Trivia Night will be planned for August. Next event will be Blooming Bunco on May 29th- everyone is to bring a flower. A beeswax art project is planned for June 22nd, and again on June 29th (2 separate classes), from 10:30-12:30 p.m. at the church for a \$25 fee, taught by Marinette High School Art Instructor- Joshua Stuck. (Beeswax project- for ages 14 and up).

Outreach:No meeting, but they made gifts for Father's Day.

Property: Carpets will be cleaned Friday, May 16th, so narthex furniture will be moved later this week.

Visitation: Meeting and Visiting, as scheduled

Worship: Lilies are down, & out, decorations changed, altar was cleared. Some Pentecost decorations will be considered for outdoor service on June 8th, with Communion for 1st outside service.

Pastors Report: Began at 7:36 p.m., report was accepted, as printed. Brief discussion about upcoming summer vacations, and that Pastor Schoen is filling in for three Sundays, as supply Pastor. Another short discussion about the location/visibility of our flags, and where they should be displayed. (More discussion needed, before any changes). Pastor Christine handed out Pastor Schoen's sermon; "Two Kingdoms" to be read by council members.

A **Motion** was made by James to adjourn the meeting, and 2nd by Eileen. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Holly Bayerl, Secretary