

Chisago Lake Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
November 28, 2023
Commenced: 7:01 p.m.
Adjourned: 8:52 p.m.

Members present: Jamie Carlson, Steve Grossmann, Dave Johnson, Chris Knight, Chris Lundberg, Lee Peterson, Lori Sampson, Pastor Brian King

Members absent: Katie Schneider

Staff Member Present: Stephanie Wendel, Church Accountant

President Chris Lundberg called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Opening Scripture/Prayer

Prayer and devotions led by Pastor Brian reflecting on Philippians 4:6-7. Discussion regarding stressful time of year and giving those stressors to God and let his peace wash over you. Also note verse 7 is popular service closing “And the peace of God which passes all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus”

Approval of Agenda – Lee Peterson moved to approve; Steve Grossmann seconded; approved.

Communion/Offering Schedule – Circulated. There will be 4 services on Christmas Eve Sunday. The 9:00 am will a service of carols; 3:00 pm geared more towards families, 5:00 p.m. and then the 11:00 p.m. will have communion.

Approval of October 17, 2023 Council Minutes – Lee Peterson moved to approve; Dave Johnson seconded; approved.

Treasurer’s Report – Dave Johnson highlighted the report indicating a couple of big expense items that total \$11,618.00 which included the insurance premium (\$6,807.00) along with a lower parking lot repair (\$4,811.00). Dave Johnson moved to approve; Lori Sampson seconded; approved.

President’s Report – Chris Lundberg indicated that there were over 400 meals served at the Community Thanksgiving Dinner. There were over 40 volunteers that helped make this a success. A HUGE thank you to all the volunteers! The planning group we be meeting to debrief and the numbers will be finalized at that meeting. This upcoming weekend is the Church Bazar and hanging of the greens in the sanctuary. Volunteers still needed for set up and take down.

Pastor’s Report – Pastor Brian’s report was reviewed. Will be hosting an open house at parsonage on December 17th 1-3; there is a staff Christmas party on December 1st and he will be hosting the Conference of Pastors on December 12th. See Old business for other report items.

Committee Reports:

- **Children, Youth & Family** - none
- **Finance** - Dave Johnson provided the report. A 5 year contract was entered with Midco. He and Sue are listed as the contact. The procedural review bill from Mahoney in the amount of \$2,800.00 was paid. Finance next meeting will be December 12th and Budget meeting will be December 17th at 4:00 p.m.
- **Historical** – Chris Knight provided a report indicating it is a quiet time of year. The Heritage room will not be open during the Bazar. The rebinding of two Cemetery Record books were approved.
- **Memorial, Mission & Ministry (3M)** – Dave Johnson provided the report.
- **Outreach** – Lori Sampson provided the report. Chris Lindberg inquired re: Bell ringers at Brinks likely a Saturday or Sunday.
- **Property** -Steve Grossman provided the report. Committee notified that there was no hot water on November 15th; Aerotek got it going before a funeral on November 17th but the

heating boiler will need additional work – estimate of \$1,527.43 for work that was done. Aerotek given approval to proceed with repair. Heating system is back working but additional work is required.

- **Worship & Music** – Report given by Jamie Carlson. Discussion regarding evaluating services, Christmas schedule, and organ still needs repair finished. 3M
- **Youth** – Written recap was provided and upcoming activities.
- **Personnel** – Pastor Brian indicated will meet on December 12th and that discussion regarding formal employment agreements; recommendations re: budget and potential pay raises and coverage for when Sue is out recovering from knee surgery.
- **Cemetery** – no report but they are looking for help this winter.

Old Business:

1. **Stewardship Campaign** – Pastor Brian indicated this is underway and that two mailings are being sent out to encourage pledges and end of year giving.
2. **Allison Eide Concert** – Pastor Brian indicated this was cosponsored with Fellowship of Christian Athletes (they funded) and although the FCA was expecting 400 people – actually approximately 70-100 attended – it did not appear to be their target audience (middle/high school age) but it was a great concert and a helpful message regarding mental health struggles. If possible – this would be a good one to be involved with again.
3. **Brotherhood Mutual-Risk Management Checklist for Ministries** - Chris Knight lead the council in a discuss regarding the property section of checklist.
4. **Snowplowing Proposal** – Chris Lundberg indicated that the contract had been signed off for the season. Discussion had regarding entertaining multiple bids for consistency with best practices.
5. **Annual Meeting Report 2023** – Chris Lundberg reviewed the agenda for annual meeting which is set for January 28, 2024. All committee reports are due to the church office by January 4, 2024.

New Business:

1. **Facility Use Request – American Swedish Institute Men’s Chorus – Friday, May 10, 2024** – This was tabled until next month. This would also coincide with Church’s Founders Day celebration.
2. **Boiler Repair** – Steve Grossman updated via property report the recent boiler repair.
3. **December Council Meeting/Dinner** - Next council meeting is December 19th also discussion regarding dinner – discuss next meeting.
4. **T.V. Network** – Discussion held regarding need for network in Sanctuary with updates, pods, potentially a mesh network. Dave Johnson moved to spend up to \$700.00 for sanctuary network; Steven Grossman seconded; approved.

Adjournment & Closing Prayer:

Dave Johnson moved to adjourn; Jamie Carlson seconded; approved.
Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

The next meeting be held on December 19, 2023 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Sampson
Council Secretary