

Chisago Lake Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
December 19, 2023
Commenced: 6:59 p.m.
Adjourned: 8:55 p.m.

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

Members absent: Jamie Carlson, Lee Peterson, Katie Schneider
Staff Member Present: Stephanie Wendel, Church Accountant

President Chris Lundberg called the meeting to order at 6:59 p.m.

Opening Scripture/Prayer - Prayer and devotions reflecting on Isaiah 9:2 and discussion touching on conflict in the world; this is a time of Peace and how the light overcomes darkness was led by Pastor Brian.

Approval of Agenda - Chris Knight moved to approve; Dave Johnson seconded; approved.

Communion/Offering Schedule – Circulated.

Approval of November 28, 2023, Council Minutes – Dave Johnson moved to approve as corrected; Steve Grossmann seconded; approved.

Treasurer's Report - Dave Johnson moved to approve Treasurer's Report; Steve Grossmann seconded; approved.

President's Report – Chris Lundberg provided President's report touching on status of the nominating committee; the boiler working again. Also indicating that over the last year there were so many good things happening at Chisago Lake Lutheran Church.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Brian's report highlighted his report to Council. Indicating that Church will host the Fat Tuesday Pancake feed (Feb. 13th at 6 pm) through MiChiLu partnership with other Lutheran churches in the area. Also indicated the importance of planned giving for the sustainability of our congregation, noting two recent gifts received. Dave Johnson moved to host an Estate Planning Event during 2024; Chris Lundberg seconded; approved.

Committee Reports:

- **Children, Youth & Family** - none
- **Finance** – Dave Johnson provided the report. Working on budget for next year. Dave Johnson moved that Chisago Lake Lutheran Church contribute \$5,000.00 to Zion Lutheran Church for the community meal events from 3M Outreach funds and that payment be divided into two (2) checks of \$2,500.00; one issued now and a second one issue later; Chris Lundberg seconded; approved.
- **Historical** – none. Historical committee does not meet again until March 2024.
- **Memorial, Mission & Ministry (3M)** Dave Johnson provided the report. Briefly touched base regarding the Distribution of Unrestricted Bequests of over \$10,000.00 policy that was revised and approved to be in effect from 08/01/2023 – 08/01/2024. Dave Johnson moved that Council approve recommendation from Memorial Mission and Ministry Committee that funds be made available to cover the costs (\$3575) for a new water heater as recommended by the Property Committee. Funds would come from line 2.1, Building Improvement; Steven Grossmann seconded; approved.
- **Outreach** – Lori Sampson provided report re: webstore and bell ringing at Brinks. If ringing bells next December need to do earlier in month. Outreach providing meal at January All Committee night.
- **Property** – Steve Grossmann provided the report. Information with recent boiler repair/boiler/water heater (see under 3M) and replacement need of boiler for 2024. Waiting on estimate. To inquire regarding status of a maintenance contract with Aerotek. Also as part of the Risk Management Checklist review - discussed lights in lower parking lot and the timers to be reprogramed; status of cameras and monitors

along with status and use of current security system. Clarification re: the ice cube machine –it makes ice cubes but doesn't store them. If need ice for large event – suggest to make ahead and store in freezer.

- **Worship & Music – No Report**
- **Youth – No Report**
- **Personnel – No Report**
- **Cemetery -No Report**

Old Business:

1. Approval of 2024 Annual Meeting Report/Agenda –Committee reports due before January 4th. Sue will put together Report.

2. Brotherhood Mutual – Risk Management Checklist for Ministries (Building & Property-second half) – Chris Knight. Property committee has also reviewed the checklist – continued review by Council is tabled for this meeting.

3. Unexpected Company Concert Follow-up – Pastor Brian attended. It was a great concert and it went smoothly. He shared that Jamie Carlson served and she indicated that four people serving is not enough. To facilitate better flow of those attending, Jamie and the servers had the treats placed on the tables and there was two drink stations. It was a lot of work. It is suggested that a great idea would be to ask a service group to handle this event. Thank you to Jamie and those that served refreshments.

4. Council Dinner (1st week of January?) Sunday, January 7th at Fiesta Cancun, Center City, spouses are welcome to attend.

5. Screens in Sanctuary – wiring update – Sanctuary has been hardwired, the splitter has been ordered and should be installed prior to Christmas services.

New Business:

1. Communion Sundays – Request additional help from Ushers – if they could stand by individuals requesting communion in pews to help identify so not missing anyone. Those serving communion and Alter Guild attendants will take their communion at the rail.

2. Church safety & preparedness – discussed with items from property committee report and with ongoing checklist from Brotherhood Mutual regarding risk management.

3. Church Council & Executive Committee Meeting Open Items – Chris Knight prepared a list of open items from 2023 to consider during 2024.

4. Boiler replacement/gas water heater purchase – Steve Grossmann and Dave addressed with 3M and property report see above.

Adjournment & Closing Prayer:

Lori Sampson moved to adjourn; Dave Johnson seconded; approved.

The next meeting be held on Tuesday, January 16, 2024, at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Sampson
Council Secretary