

Chisago Lake Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes – Draft
February 15, 2024
Commenced: 7:00 p.m.
Adjourned: 9:02 p.m.

Members present: Jamie Carlson, Steve Grossmann, Missy Keller, Chris Knight, Chris Lundberg, Erica Paffel, Lee Peterson, Melissa Rambow, Pastor Brian King

Members absent: Lori Sampson, Katie Schmidt

Staff Member Present: Stephanie Wendel, Church Accountant

President Chris Lundberg called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Opening Scripture/Prayer - Prayer and devotions reflecting on Philippians 4:5 was led by Pastor Brian.

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

Communion/Offering Schedule – Circulated.

Approval of January Council Minutes – Chris Knight moved to approve; Jamie Carlson second; approved.

Treasure's Report - Lee Peterson moved to approve; Erica Paffel second; approved.

President's Report – Chris Lundberg provided the President's report indicating that a lot is happening at CLLC right now, lots of activities. It is very rewarding to see all the excitement.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Brian highlighted his report to Council. Also indicated there are new families in Confirmation. There is lots of good energy in the Confirmation group. It has been a very busy week with the Grumpy Old Men service and the Youth Lasagna dinner fundraiser. Brief discussion of the Cottage meetings (see old business).

Committee Reports:

- **Children, Youth & Family** – no report
- **Finance** - Stephanie Wendel provided the report. Dave Johnson would like to get the Finance and Treasurer's report to continue helping with the review.
- **Historical** – no report.
- **Memorial, Mission & Ministry (3M)** – no report.
- **Outreach** – Lori Sampson previously provided written report, During Lent Outreach offers a way to give internationally to Lutheran World Relief.
- **Property** – Steve Grossmann provided the report. The Property Committee received a boiler bid from Aerotek. The replacement needs to be scheduled. Assured Security to assess the replacement of the North and West doors in the Sanctuary.
- **Worship & Music** – no report.
- **Youth** – Missy Keller provided the report. The Lasagna dinner was very successful. The Youth will be serving Palm Sunday breakfast. The Senior Blessing will be held June 2, 2024.
- **Personnel** – Chris Lundberg provided the report. The Committee will meet 6 times in 2024 and will continue working on updates to the Employee Handbook.
- **Cemetery** – no report.

Old Business:

1. **Annual Meeting Recap** – The Annual Meeting went very well. Members appreciated the Swedish pastries. The Property Committee update was very thorough. Council discussed the possibility of providing quarterly updates on finances during a Church service.

2. **Safety and Security Taskforce** – CLLC has taken steps regarding safety with the addition of AEDs and updating the medical kits. Taskforce will develop and recommend safety plans with respect to weather, fire, safety and medical emergencies. Currently working with CWS Security and Assured Security.
3. **Boiler Replacement estimate** – Steve Grossmann made a motion to enter into a contract with Aerotek up to \$16,000; Chris Lundberg seconded; approved.
4. **Cottage Meeting – March 17, 2024 @ 10:15AM.** – Council members will lead table discussions following the “Start, Keep, Stop” format.
5. **2024 Tool Kit and Conference Assemblies (February 24th at 8:30 AM – 2:00 PM – Faith Lutheran Church)** – if interested in attending, contact Sue Abrahamson or Chris Lundberg.

New Business:

1. **Council Officer Elections** – Discussion on positions and duties. Lee Peterson nominated Chris Lundberg as President. Chris Lundberg nominated Chris Knight as Vice President. Lori Sampson previously agreed to continue as Secretary. Lee Peterson agreed to be Treasurer. Lee Peterson made a motion for unanimous ballot approval. Steve Grossmann seconded. Approved.
2. **Committee Assignments** – Cemetery – Lee Peterson, Christian Education – open, Finance – Lee Peterson, Historical – Chris Knight and Jamie Carlson, Outreach – Lori Sampson, Property – Steve Grossmann, Worship and Music – Missy Keller, Youth – Erica Paffel, Memorial Mission and Ministry – Lee Peterson, Personnel – Chris Lundberg
3. **Check signers** – Chris Lundberg, Chris Knight, Steve Grossman, Lee Peterson
4. **Future Church Council meeting nights / preferred communication** – It was decided that Church Council meetings will be held the third Thursday of each month at 7:00pm beginning in April. The March meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 20th at 7:00pm.
5. **Church Council Installation Date** – It was decided that the Installation of Council members will be Sunday, February 18th at 9:00am and Tuesday, February 20th at 6:00pm.
6. **Church Council Retreat** – A Council retreat was discussed. It was decided that the date for the retreat will be determined later.
7. **Building Use Request** – Myrna Westen and Barb Yotter requested use of the Fellowship Hall and Kitchen on March 16, 2024, for an Epicure fundraiser. Proceeds from the event will benefit midwife kits. Lee Peterson moved to approve. Steve Grossmann seconded. Approved.
8. **Karl Oskar Days sponsorship** – the Council recommended asking 3M for a \$500 sponsorship.
9. **Missionary Support for WELCA Missionaries in Japan (Bencke family)** – Pastor Brian made a motion to provide \$1,000 in missionary support. Steve Grossmann seconded. Approved
10. **Scandinavian Trip – October 14th – 25th, 2024** – In honor of Chisago Lake Lutheran Church’s 170th Anniversary, Pastor Brian and Jen King will be leading a congregational trip to Scandinavia, including stops in Denmark, Sweden and Norway. An informational meeting will be held Sunday, March 10th at 10:15am following worship. Tour size is a minimum of 32 with a maximum of 48.
11. **Planting More Hope Campaign (Saint Paul Area Synod)** – tabled until next month.

Adjournment & Closing Prayer:

Lee Peterson moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:02pm; Steve Grossmann seconded; approved.

The next meeting be held on Wednesday March 20th at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Knight on behalf of Lori Sampson - Council Secretary