

Chisago Lake Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
April 18, 2024
Commenced: 7:07 p.m.
Adjourned: 8:55 p.m.

Members present: Jamie Carlson, Steve Grossmann, Missy Keller, Chris Knight, Chris Lundberg, Erica Paffel, Lee Peterson, Lori Sampson, Katie Schmidt (via phone), Pastor Brian King

Members absent: Melissa Rambow

Staff Member Present: Stephanie Wendel, Church Accountant

President Chris Lundberg called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Opening Scripture/Prayer - Prayer and devotions reflecting on Lamentations 3:22-23 and Morning Has Broken written by Eleanor Farjeon was led by Pastor Brian.

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

Communion/Offering Schedule – Circulated.

Approval of March Council Minutes – Lee Peterson moved to approve; Missy Keller second; approved.

Treasure's Report - Lee Peterson provided the report; Easter not included in current numbers. Chris Knight moved to approve; Erica Paffel second; approved.

President's Report – Chris Lundberg provided the President's report and gave an overview of the upcoming Sundays in May activities.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Brian highlighted his report to Council. We had strong attendance for Easter. Thanks to the group that put together 360 baby care kits and the quilters for their 300 quilts. The upcoming Scandinavia trip is full.

Committee Reports:

- **Children, Youth & Family** – no report
- **Finance** – Lee Peterson provided the report. Lee Peterson also provided a summary of the financial books and records review done by Dave Johnson. Council discussed findings, comments and recommendations. Thank you to Dave Johnson for all his work on the review.
- **Historical** – no report.
- **Memorial, Mission & Ministry (3M)** – Lee Peterson provided the report. The committee will discuss scholarships at their next meeting. The large gift policy was applied to the Harriet Ryberg donation with 10% tithe submitted to World Disaster Relief.
- **Outreach** – Lori Sampson provided the report and outlined some upcoming events. There will be a sign-up sheet to determine interest in parade participation during an upcoming Fellowship time. No action items.
- **Property** – Steve Grossmann provided the report. The Property Committee provided a Priority List of projects to the Council. A Capital Campaign was briefly discussed with the full discussion tabled until next month. Assured Security will be providing a quote for the replacement of the North and West doors in the Sanctuary. Pastor Brian recently attended a webinar regarding FEMA grants that are available for safety and security.
- **Worship & Music** – no report.
- **Youth** – Jamie Carlson provided the report. Six new acolytes have been trained. The Palm Sunday breakfast was a success. Confirmation will be May 5th and the Senior Blessing will be held June 2, 2024. VBS is the week of June 10, 2024.
- **Personnel** – Chris Lundberg provided the report. The Committee met and continued to work on updates to the Employee Handbook.
- **Cemetery** – no report.

Old Business:

1. **Memorandum of Understanding for temporary shelter recommendation** – Chris Lundberg had a follow up discussion with the owner. Council did its due diligence. Council declined the request.
2. **170th Anniversary – May Activities:**
 - Sunday, May 5th Dala Horse painting activity** for ALL! Explore the history of this iconic Swedish symbol and paint a Dala Horse ornament. 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.
 - Friday, May 10th – American Swedish Institute Male Chorus Concert** 7:00 PM - Refreshments will be served by the Historical Committee following the concert.
 - Sunday, May 12** – Honoring the women in the congregation on Mother's Day.
 - Sunday, May 19 – Pentecost Sunday, Founder's Day Celebration**
 - **Congregational Photo** - *Immediately* following the 9:00AM worship service we will gather on the front steps/lawn of the church for congregational photo. We hope to have as many of our members there as possible.
 - **Breakfast Buffet during the Fellowship time.** Following the congregational photo, join us in the Fellowship Hall for an assortment of egg bakes, breakfast pizza, pastries, fruit and beverages.
 - Sunday, May 26th – Memorial Day Weekend** – Tree planting commemorating 170 years of ministry and HONORING the men and women who have sacrificed their lives in military service for our Country.
3. **Safety and Security Taskforce** –Taskforce will continue work to develop and recommend safety plans with respect to weather, fire, safety and medical emergencies. Currently working with CWS Security and Assured Security.
4. **Right Now Media subscription update** – Secured a one year subscription. Launch date to the congregation will be Sunday, May 19, 2024.
5. **Cottage Meeting follow up** – Jamie Carlson provided an overview of the results. Data to be shared with the congregation.
6. **Behavioral Covenant** – The Council read the Behavioral Covenant out loud. Each Council member signed the Behavioral Covenant.
7. **Brotherhood Mutual Checklist** – Chris Knight provided an overview of the Risk Mitigation checklist. Sections of the checklist were distributed to the Council liaison for the applicable Committee. Each Committee to discuss and return results to Chris Knight for consolidation.

New Business:

1. **Building Use Request** – Christian River Valley Women's Group requested use of the building on August 19, 2024. Lee Peterson moved to approve; Lori Sampson seconded; approved.
2. **Community Meal update** – Jamie Carlson provided an update from the last Chisago Lakes Community Meal meeting.

Adjournment & Closing Prayer:

Lori Sampson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 pm; Steve Grossmann seconded; approved.

The next meeting be held on Thursday, May 16th at 7:00pm.

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