

Chisago Lake Lutheran Church
APPROVED Council Meeting Minutes
July 17, 2024
Commenced 7:18 p.m. – Adjourned 8:43 p.m.

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

Members absent: Melissa Rambow

Staff Member Present: Stephanie Wendel, Church Accountant (initially)

Call to Order - President Chris Lundberg called the meeting to order at 7:18 p.m.

Opening Scripture/Prayer - Prayer and devotions reflecting on Galatians 5:13-14 was led by Pastor Brian. Including discussion re: Martin Luther's treatise "On Christian Liberty". "Our freedom ends where another's begins. License vs. Liberty: Freedom – love = license and Freedom + love = liberty"

Approval of Agenda – Lee Peterson moved to approve the agenda; Katie Schmidt seconded; approved.

Communion/Offering Schedule – Circulated.

Approval of June 20, 2024 Council Minutes – Missy Keller moved to approve the minutes; Chris Knight seconded; approved.

Treasurer's Report – Lee Peterson reviewed the treasurer's report noting that it was a positive month and that expenses had been slightly lower. Lee also provided a tutorial on reading the report. Lori Sampson moved to approve the treasurer's report; Steve Grossmann seconded; approved.

President's Report – Chris Lundberg thanked council for their ability to move council meeting ahead one day due to conflicts with multiple member's schedules.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Brian provided a written report highlighting the last month's activities. Extra Kudo's to Rod Strenke for his leadership in the float construction and organization. Thank you to the Weber family for pulling the float for the parade. Also, a big thanks for the many other helping hands in building and participating in float building and parades.

Committee Reports:

- **Children, Youth & Family** - None
- **Finance** - Lee Peterson provided report with nothing additional to add.
- **Historical** – Chris Knight provided the report. There will be self-guided tours available during the Pig Roast. Sanctuary, Green Room and Heritage Room. Barb Wikelius created a brochure for the tour and Sue will print them.
- **Memorial, Mission & Ministry (3M)** – Lee Peterson provided the report and also provided an explanation of the report layout. Discussion held on estate/trust gifts received and having designations for tithings for funds being sent to Synod. The Richard and Beverly Swanson Estate has a \$2,307.43 that will be going to synod. Lee Peterson moved that the \$2,307.43 be designated to local disaster relief for Congregations in the Synod and if that is not an option to be designated to world disaster fund. Steve Grossmann seconded; approved. The funding request to 3M for westside concrete project – withdrawn. (See old business)
- **Outreach** – Lori Sampson provided a report, highlighting the luminary decorating event held during fellowship hour on July 7, 2024.
- **Property** – Steve Grossmann provided the report. The west sidewalk project along with top soil with grading and seeding will be completed by the pig roast. The committee did obtain the 3 quotes prior to selecting the contractor for sidewalk work. Chad Hollister repaired the parsonage fascia. The clock tower was reset. (See old business for specifics)
- **Worship & Music** -Pastor Brian indicated response to the survey was light only 34 responses and the survey will be extended through this coming weekend. General view is that respondents are happy with direction the Church is going and that most people prefer Tuesday for midweek service.
- **Youth** - None

- **Personnel** - None
- **Cemetery** – Lee Peterson provided the report. Currently approximately \$41,000 in their accounts. They are a self-funded committee and funding is from the sale of cemetery plots. The grounds keeper, Jim Larson, was given a \$1.00 per hour raise and they have also hired a part time seasonal assistant. The seal coating for the upper drive has been completed. They have added top soil and seed as needed. There also was equipment maintenance completed.
- **Community Meal** – Jamie Carlson provided the report. The Community Meal has to do fundraising. Currently, they only have the funding for approximately 1.5 months of meals. The kitchen staff gets paid but all others are volunteers. They serve between 230 – 250 meals every Monday with costs ranging between \$600 - \$1000 dollars per week. September 16th is a BBQ fundraiser and September 16th is the Spaghetti meal. Discussion on fund raising options. Pre-covid, CLLC had a benevolence to community meals this year the church provided \$5,000 in two payments of \$2,500 each. First payment was made need to check on stats of the second payment.

Old Business:

1. Drainage project update and motions for approval – Steve Grossmann provided the update with the property report.

Motions:

On May 26, 2024 there was a special council meeting held after church service regarding a water issue in the undercroft and drainage issue on the westside lawn. Lee Peterson moved to approve up to \$19,999.00 for digging and drainage repair; seconded by Steve Grossmann - motion unanimously approved.

After obtaining 3 estimates for the sidewalk replacement and a recommendation from the Property committee was received; Chris Lundberg via email provide the information and recommendation and made a motion to approve the hiring of Grizzly Concrete to replace the section of sidewalk on the west side of the church; Lee Peterson seconded; email motion approved. Chris Lundberg moved to ratify the email vote and Lee Peterson seconded; vote is ratified.

Lee Peterson moved to pay for the west side concrete work (\$7,500.00 Grizzly Concrete) from the general fund; Erica Paffel seconded; approved. [Funds will be coming out of property budget]

2. Scholarship Committee Update – Pastor Brian provided the update that there were 7 applicants for the CLLC scholarship and 9 for the other scholarship. None were for the seminary; all applicants were either under graduate or graduate programs. Funding available was dispensed equally between applicants.

3. Brotherhood Mutual Checklist – Chris Knight asked that the committees discuss their section of the checklist at their next meetings and provide her with the completed forms.

4. Safety and Security Taskforce – Pastor Brian indicated the taskforce is focusing on controlled access and cameras. Currently have 2 bids. Working on getting bids for panic bars on doors 5 & 6. Chris Lundberg indicated that the grant application deadline has passed and will readdress next year. There was also discussion regarding office coverage on Sunday mornings and establishing radio protocol. Next meeting is Sunday August 18, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

5. Upcoming Events (Parades, CC Days, Harmony in the Park, Threshing Show, Chisago Lakes Triathlon) – Pastor Brian indicated that looking for singers and walkers for Wannagan days. Center City Day parade will be a walking unit. Pastor Brian indicated Harmony in the Park was busy and for the non-profit night, they'll look at also bringing cornhole or the connect 4 game. Discussion was had about potentially having a present at the Threshing Show, August 9th-11th. The show has a polka service. Might not work this year as the Benke family will be here Sunday, August 11th. Perhaps get information and procedure for next year. There was also conversation about help with the Triathlon which is Sunday July 28th; however, that is also day of outdoor service and potentially serving floats.

New Business:

1. God's Work. Our Hands – Sunday, September 8th – This is also Rally Sunday. Pastor Brian to reach out to other MuChiLu Congregations to inquire about a group service project. Discussion re hosting a meal.

2. Mission Support Celebration Dinner – Set for Monday August 19th at St. Andrew's Church in Mahtomedi. Pastor Brian, Chris Lundberg and potentially Chris Knight will plan to attend.

3. Church Van – Steve Grossmann indicated that he has added a battery tender to the van. So whoever is using the van needs to disconnect it before use. Steve will reconnect if the person using doesn't know how to install. They just need to contact him.

Adjournment & Closing Prayer:

Lee Peterson moved to adjourn; Katie Schmidt seconded; approved.

The next meeting be held on August 15, 2024 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Sampson
Council Secretary