

Chisago Lake Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
Date: September 19, 2024
Commenced: 7:01 p.m. Adjourned: 8:47 p.m.

Members present: Jamie Carlson, Steve Grossmann, Missy Keller, Chris Lundberg, Erica Paffel, Lee Peterson (late), Melissa Rambow, Lori Sampson, Pastor Brian King

Members absent: Katie Schmidt, Chris Knight

Staff Member Absent: Stephanie Wendel, Church Accountant

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

Opening Scripture/Prayer -

Prayer and devotions reflecting on James 3:10 was led by Pastor Brian

Approval of Agenda – Melissa Rambow moved to approve the agenda; Missy Keller seconded; approved.

Communion/Offering Schedule – Circulated

Approval of August 15, 2024 Council Minutes – Melissa Rambow moved to approve as corrected; Erica Paffel seconded; approved.

Treasure's Report – Chris Lundberg reviewed the Treasurer's Report highlighting the total revenues and actual year to date amounts. Trending positively. Also noted that in the maintenance/repairs that the \$7,500 concrete bill was paid from the general fund. Steve Grossmann moved to approve the treasurers report; Melissa Rambow seconded; approved.

President's Report – Chris Lundberg gave a shout out to the Community meal – well organized, well staffed and well attend. Received the Certificate of Insurance for FCA. She attended Alpha Courses. Committee budget packets will be out in October and requested to be turned in in November.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Brian has indicated that he really is enjoying the start of confirmation and getting to know the new families. Recent tailgating at the Plymouth football game was well received. Pastor also commented on God's Work Our Hands, small group attended and did maintenance around exterior of church; weeding; painting the cross; care baskets for 1st responders. He delivered the 1st responder baskets with hand written thank you cards. Pastor Brian has coverage when he is traveling in October.

Committee Reports:

- **Children, Youth & Family** – Erica Paffel provide the report. She indicated that Rally Sunday went well. They also worked on the Lutheran Brotherhood Checklist for their group. Discussion re: background checks for volunteers and developing a texting policy with youth. Planning on lasagna dinner to go and lefse sales at the Christmas Bazar.
- **Finance** - Chris Lundberg provided the report. Portico Health Benefit selection is due mid-October and rates increased 3-4%
- **Historical** – Jamie Carlson provided the report. Committee served the All-Committee night meal.
- **Memorial, Mission & Ministry (3M)** – Chris Lundberg provided the report. For clarification on the renewal of the CDs from the checking account from last month. The added CDs are 55K and 45K and added for a 9 month and 12 month renewal period.
- **Outreach** – Lori Sampson provided the report. Likely Trick or Treat on main street on 10/25.
- **Property** - Steve Grossmann provided the report. Mitch Troumbly of Taylors Falls replaced the damaged parsonage door. He gave the church an excellent deal with a total invoice of \$275.00 (of which \$205.29 was the door). Discussed shampooing the fellowship hall at 10 cents a square foot. No Council vote required as property can just handle and coordinate a time that works to allow for drying. There are 5 broken windows on the education wing of which 4 are from recent vandalism. To fix with replacement glass it is \$400 per window. Discussions held re: cost replace ALL would be about \$28K(each bank of 4 is \$2850) vs just repair of the broken ones. Steve Grossmann moved to replace the 3 banks of windows in the green room at a cost of \$2850 per bank; Melissa Rambo seconded; approved. Funds to come from

capital improvement. The \$1600 in restitution would be applied to the replacement costs. Discussion on possibility of adding a picnic table/garbage can at end of lower parking by open grass area. Installation of door from FAC office come out of regular budget. Also discussed replacement file cabinets with functioning locks.

- **Worship & Music** – Pastor Brian provided the report. Committee is reviewing the fees and honorariums for weddings and funerals. Discussion regarding just bundling fees to be included in a facility use fees. Needs additional research for what other churches in our area are doing. Music received a gift of hand chimes. Discussion on investing in 4th octave of chimes. Informational meeting on choir and special music set for September 27th
- **Youth** – See Children Youth & Family
- **Personnel** – No report
- **Cemetery** – No report

Old Business:

1. H2 Jamaica Presentation - Postponed

2. Cottage Meeting – Sunday September 29th – Bulletin announcement re: Christian education. Age Group categories: K-6; 6-12; Young Adult 18-30; Adult over 30. Small table discussions similar to last time – ask that council members present lead tables.

3. Brotherhood Mutual Risk Management Checklist (Legal/Finance Management) – Lee Peterson summarized the checklist for financial which includes the need for background checks and a plan for completing; 2nd cash counter; Pastor Brian commented on Membership Covenants and ELCA Discipline guidelines. Chris Lundberg also comment on Synod's ELCA Financial Guide.

4. God's Work. Our Hands recap. - See Pastor's Report.

5. Community Meals – Jamie Carlson provided the report. She indicated that the fund raiser meal was good conversation, good meal and well attended. On average they serve approximately 275 meals a week. The community meals team is having discussions on applying for grants; becoming an independent non-profit; and perhaps having a paid coordinator. To keep this going their continues to be a need for fund raising to cover the meals and there is always a need for volunteers. Continuing to work on fund raising efforts.

New Business:

1. Window vandalism and repair/replacement proposal – This was discussed with property. See above.

2. Church Bazaar Saturday, December 7th from 9-3. – This is still in the planning stages.

3. Community Service Requests - The Church received an inquiry that an individual has 100 hours of community service to complete. Pastor Brian to obtain additional information.

Adjournment & Closing Prayer:

Lee Peterson moved to adjourn; Lori Sampson seconded; approved.

The next meeting be held on October 10, 2024 at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lori Sampson
Council Secretary