

Chisago Lake Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting Minutes  
Date October 17, 2023  
Commenced: 7:01 p.m.  
Adjourned: 8:57 p.m.

**Members present:** Jamie Carlson, Steve Grossmann, Dave Johnson, Chris Knight, Chris Lundberg, Lori Sampson, Lee Peterson, Pastor Brian King

**Members absent:** Katie Schneider & Steve Grossmann

**Staff Member Present:** Stephanie Wendel, Church Accountant  
President Chris Lundberg called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

**Opening Scripture/Prayer** – Devotional and prayer lead by Pastor Brian focusing on Ecclesiastes 3:1 and Season in Life. Shared the song Turn, Turn, Turn by The Byrds which is based up Ecclesiastes and giving thanks for whatever season we are currently in. Council shared which season in life they are in.

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

**Communion/Offering Schedule** – circulated.

**Approval of October Council Meeting Minutes** – Chris Knight moved to approve as corrected; Lee Peterson seconded; approved.

**Treasurer's Report** – Lori Sampson moved to approve; Chris Lundberg seconded; approved. The Employee Retention Credit (ERC) received by CLLC was originally included in the General Income line on the Treasurer's Report. As a result, the payments to St Paul Synod, Luther Point Bible Camp and CLACA included the ERC in the calculation of their amount. The Finance Committee felt that the ERC should be excluded from that calculation as the ERC was a refund of prior payroll taxes paid. Dave Johnson moved to exclude the ERC amount in calculation of the amounts to pay St Paul Synod, Luther Point Bible Camp and CLACA and correction of the payment amount is to be deducted from future payments. Seconded by Lee Peterson. Motion carried.

**President's Report** – Chris Lundberg indicated that the Thanksgiving Day community meal is in initial planning stage. Chris attended the meeting regarding the Center City trail for the Swedish Immigrant trail which is in year 2 of 3 year process. Discussion re: what could Church offer? – potential to sponsor a bench or bike rack, other options.

**Pastor's Report** – Pastor Brian indicated he's really enjoying confirmation and getting to know the families and students. Attendance at Tuesday second take service has been small but hopeful it will gain momentum. It's worth trying something new to see if it works. Encourage engagement and inviting to participate. Provided council with an update on pending knee surgery.

**Committee Reports** (if needed):

- **Children, Youth & Family** - none
- **Finance** - Dave Johnson provided the report. Insurance will be left as is with current deductible amount. Lee Peterson & Dave Johnson will meet with Midco regarding renewing contact for phone and internet. Dave Johnson is new contact for Midco.
- **Historical** – Chris Knight provided the report. Recently there were three (3) tours. Discussion regard the upcoming 170<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and having a larger celebration at the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
- **Memorial, Mission & Ministry (3M)** – Dave Johnson provided the report.

Dave Johnson moved for the approval of ILLULA's request to use the Scholarship Funds in the amount of \$2,000 that is already at the center. Lee Peterson seconded; approved.

Dave Johnson moved for \$1,000 from outreach funds for the Community Thanksgiving Dinner; Lee Peterson seconded; approved.

- **Outreach**- Lori Sampson provided the report. There will be a winter webstore dates to be in bulletin. Senior Gathering/Tea set for Thursday October 26<sup>th</sup>. Outreach team to inquire about having a presence at the Treat n Treat on main street. Maybe next year consider trick or trunk at church.
- **Property** – Chris Lundgren provide an update for Steve Grossman. Discussion regrading recent water drips and a review regarding snow removal contract.
- **Worship & Music** Jamie Carlson provided the report. The Alter Guild standing invitation. Donna Grossman. Holiday Updates were provided: Reformation and All Saints Services discussed. Thanksgiving/Pie Fest service November 21<sup>st</sup>. Stewardships on 5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> with Pledge cards on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Blue Christmas/Longest Night service on December 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm. Christmas Eve services discussed. 6 month review regarding the screens – feedback. Discuss regarding transmitters/mesh network. Check with Primotech re costs. Continue discussions next month.
- **Youth** – reviewed report provided. Confirmation retreat at Luther Point. Upcoming event's Hayride & Bonfire on 10/29 at Abrahamson. Lefse making 11/26 and 11/29
- **Cemetery** – no report.

#### Old Business

1. **Stewardship Campaign** – mailings to go out with interest and talent inquiry. Temple talks
2. **Cottage Meetings** – table until next year. Anticipate holding on months with 5 Sundays.
3. **Hillside drainage project update** – property to meet with city to discuss options.
4. **Guardian Angels** – Pastor Brian indicated could use few additional adults for the program.

#### New Business

1. **Annual Meeting Date** – Sunday, January 28, 2024, at 10:15 a.m.
2. **Brotherhood Mutual** – Risk Management Checklist for Ministries – Chris Knight let through preliminary introduction to the review of best practices for risk management for Church.
3. **Building Use Requests** – 3 requests for use agreements. 1. Concert with Allison Eide on 11/6 sponsored by Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Pastor Brian supervising. 2. Unexpected Company request for 12/3 expect 200-250 individuals requesting coffee to be served; check if service group will handle. 3. 11/19 - Fellowship hall request by Chisago County Opioid Advisory Council.
4. **Community Thanksgiving Dinner** – Chris Lundgren discussed dine in and carry out options. Looking for volunteers.
5. **Center City Trailhead** – addressed in President Report.
6. **November Council Meeting Date** – due to holiday set for Tuesday November 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

Adjournment & Closing Prayer

Lee Peterson moved to adjourn; Chris Knight seconded; approved

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 28 at 7:00 pm**

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Sampson  
Council Secretary