

Chisago Lake Lutheran Church  
Approved Council Meeting Minutes  
November 21, 2024  
Commenced: 7:00 p.m. Adjourned: 8:39 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

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

**Opening Scripture/Prayer** – Devotional reflecting on 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 led by Pastor Brian.

Council members shared their families Thanksgiving traditions.

**Approval of Agenda** – Lee Peterson moved to approve the agenda; Chris Knight seconded; approved.

**Communion/Offering Schedule** – Circulated noting additional services needing coverage.

**Approval of October 10, 2024 Council Minutes** – Lee Peterson moved to approve as corrected; Katie Schmidt seconded; approved.

**Treasure's Report** – Stephanie Wendel provided Treasure's Report indicating last month there were large expenses including; insurance; contractor for both the yard drainage issue along with billing for duct work. For the month there is a deficit. Lee Peterson moved to approve; Steve Grossmann seconded; approved.

**President's Report** – Chris Lundberg provided president's report. Church received a thank you from Bishop Lull regarding the contribution from CLLC to the Giving More Hope Campaign. Chris is exploring new options for a memorial plaque for the tree planted in honor of 170<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Hopefully the Church Directory will be available soon. Staffing the fellowship hour volunteers will need to go proceed in a different source/direction other the service groups.

**Pastor's Report** – Indicated it was a wonderful trip touring Scandinavia. Anticipate sharing trip with congregation in the future. Many ministry connections over the last month including home, hospital, office & care center visits. Special music ministry thanks to Barb Yotter, Myrna Western and with Rod Strenke and members of Children's Choir, Chime Choir and restart of the Senior Choir

### Committee Reports:

- **Children, Youth & Family** –Erica Paffel provided the report. Lasagna dinner will be during Celebration of Lakes. Mission Trip being planned to Milwaukee, WI. Working on Insurance Forms.
- **Finance** – Budget packets due November 20<sup>th</sup>. Next month budget will be working on.
- **Historical** – Chris Knight provided the report. Newly hung signed paintings and framed poster.
- **Memorial, Mission & Ministry (3M)** – Stephanie Wendel and Chris Lundberg gave the report. 3M approved the council's request for missionary funding pledge re: Erin Hawkinson. She sent a thank you that was circulated.
- Lee Peterson moved to approve the recommendations of 3M regarding Line 1.03 Benevolence, \$280.00 be sent to St. Paul Area Synod for ELCA Domestic Disaster Relief. Line 1.07 Other Enhancing CLLC Mission Outreach, \$10.00. Send to Meals on Wheels as that was the original intent of the donation. Line 6.03 Chisago Lake Lutheran Scholarship, \$4,900.00. Withdraw \$4,900.00 from Edward Jones Scholarship funds to reimburse 3M checking account. Line 6.06 Cemetery, \$145.00 Transfer the money to cemetery accounts. Katie Schmidt seconded; approved.  
Additional discussion held regarding recommendation for Line 5.02. Lee Peterson moved that Line 5.02 Discretionary Fund, \$950.00 remain in 3M fund at that line item. Erica Paffel seconded; approved.
- **Outreach** – Lori Sampson provided report. – Planning for 2025.
- **Property** – Steve Grossmann provided the report. Greenroom windows installed; with replacement panels from old windows were installed as replacement windows downstairs. There is an issue with candelabras.

- **Worship & Music** – See Pastors report highlighting an in-gathering of all three choirs.
- **Youth**
- **Personnel** - none
- **Cemetery** - none

### **Old Business:**

- 1. Cottage Meeting Dates** – discussed.
- 2. Community Meals Update** – Jamie Carlson indicated that they are in process of becoming their own non-profit.

### **New Business:**

- 1. 2025 Annual Meeting Date/Nominating Committee** – Meeting is set for January 26, 2025 and working on the agenda. The Nominating Committee are working on getting names.
- 2. Wartburg College Concert – Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>** - Pastor Brian indicated this is the Wartburg Concert Castle Singers and Chamber Ensemble during Festival of Lakes on Saturday with a performance also during Grumpy Old Men Service. Approximately 45 Students. Discussion on meal options and host families in groups of a minimum of 2 students.
- 3. Ratify Illula Scholarship Motion** – Lee Peterson moved for ratification of the October 22, 2024 - emailed vote: Chris Lundberg moves to approve a pledge of \$2,250 to support Illula student scholarships – Pastor Brian seconded. Emailed vote passes. Steve Grossmann seconded; ratification approved. (For clarification \$2,000 pledge plus \$250 service fee from Synod)
- 4. Council Dinner** – Council will plan to gather in January for a meal at Fiesta Cancun.
- 5. Chisago Lakes Chamber Annual Meeting & Holiday Gala Sponsorship Opportunities** – Chris Lundberg shared information regarding the Gala in the event anyone would be interested in attending.
- 6. Non-Profit Security Grant Program** – Pastor Brian and Chris Lundberg shared information regarding this program where can apply for up to a 200,000 grant for security purposes. Lee Peterson moved to pursue a non-profit security grant opportunity to make our church more secure; Steve Grossmann seconded; approved.
- 7. Church Food Safety Guidelines** – Chris Knight will research the MN Dept of Health requirements and the Church Lady Bill regarding food safety certification for our kitchen.
- 8. Building Use Request** – Steve Grossmann moved to approve the building use request for Audubon Society on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>; Katie Schmidt seconded; approved.
- 9. Naltrexone Poster** – Discussion on purpose of poster regarding resource availability. Lee Peterson moved to display a Naltrexone Poster at church; Erica Paffel seconded; approved.
- 10. Renewal CD** - Lee Peterson moved to renew the 10,000.00 CD (from general fund) with Edward Jones at the term that offers the best rates. Steve Grossmann seconded; approved.

### **Adjournment & Closing Prayer:**

Lee Peterson moved to adjourn; Chris Knight seconded; approved.

**The next meeting be held on December 19, 2025 at 7 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Lori Sampson  
Council Secretary