

Chisago Lake Evangelical Lutheran Church
Church Council Meeting
February 17, 2022

At 7:00pm the regular meeting of the church council was called to order by President, Jenni Runte.

Members present: Steve Grossmann, Dave Johnson, Jenni Runte, Sally Barott, Jamie Carlson, Chris Knight, Chris Lundberg, Lee Peterson, and Pastor Steve Cruys.

Staff member: Stephane Wendel, Church Accountant

Devotions to the council were done by Pastor Steve Cruys.

Agenda: Motion by Steve Grossmann to approve agenda as written, Dave Johnson seconded. Motion passed.

Last Month's Minutes: Motion by Lee Peterson to accept last month's council minutes. Jamie Carlson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Announcements: Synod Toolkit handout for attending either in person or via zoom February 26th. Discussed synod website and how anyone can sign up for their weekly newsletter. Gave some background information on St Croix Universal Unitarian Fellowship – they are looking to use space here in the lower level of the church for Sunday worship, at this time we are waiting to hear back from them on moving forward with a lease.

Learning Time: Reviewed the church's constitution and the committees of the church and how members of the council will choose which committees they will be the council representative for.

Treasurer's Report: Dave Johnson reviewed the Treasurer's report explaining there were no unusual expenses, and historically January is always short but this January is the highest contributions in the past 10 years. Motion by Dave Johnson to accept the treasurer's report, and seconded by Sally Barott. Motion passed.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Steve explained the mission exploration team and that it has been formed with 4 members. This team will work for the next 6-8 weeks to set up the ministry site profile. At the March Council meeting the council will need to appoint 6 members to be on the call committee.

Committee Reports:

Finance: Did not meet in February, but Dave Johnson made a motion to appoint Julie Nelson, Midge Nelson, and Linda Lindgren to this year's audit committee, Sally Barott seconded the motion. Motion passed. Chris Lundberg spoke to Carolee at the accounting firm and they have the church scheduled for the second week in March. Dave Johnson made a motion to have Brayden Bresnahan be an employee of the church for running the audio/visual equipment during Sunday worship services, Sally Barott seconded the motion. Motion passed.

3M: Reviewed new report layout. 3M members are upset over council voting to use 3M money to pay for church brunch without asking 3M first.

Personnel: The committee has received pay scales for the open positions to be able to compare what the church was paying and may need to pay to fill these positions. Louise has offered to stay until a new Pastor is hired, and Pastor Steve recommends keeping her in this position until a new Pastor is hired and in before hiring a replacement. Steve Grossmann made a motion to pay Louise the same salary as Bridget was making, Lee Peterson seconded this motion. Lee Peterson made an amendment this motion to state Louise will not exceed Bridget's total compensation not salary, Steve Grossmann seconded this motion. Motions passed.

Worship & Music: The committee has been discussing hiring an accompanist vs. an organist. Ash Wednesday will be an in-person service at 6pm. Grumpy Old Men service has been postponed until next year.

Old Business:

Update on Audit – was discussed with the finance committee report.

Constitution Revision – Jenni Runte and Barb Wikelius. are working the drafts.

Congregational Meeting – Council is still waiting for the minutes from the meeting so follow-up can be done with the questions members asked that Jenni said we would get back to them with the answers.

New Business:

Hiram Lodge Match for food shelf – Lee Peterson made a motion to send the request to 3M to donate \$5,000 to Hiram Lodge, Steve Grossmann seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Election of Officers: President – Lee Peterson, Vice President – Steve Grossmann, Secretary – Sally Barott, Treasurer – Dave Johnson.

Council Representatives:

3M – Dave Johnson

Finance – Dave Johnson

Stewardship – Sally Barott

Christian Outreach – Chris Lundberg

Cemetery – Sally Barott

Christian Education – Dave Johnson

Property – Steve Grossmann

Historical – Chris Knight

Youth – Jamie Carlson

Personnel – Lee Peterson

Worship & Music – Lee Peterson and Jamie Carlson

Dave Johnson made a motion to add check signers and council installment to the agenda under new business, Steve Grossmann seconded. Motion passed.

Check signers will be: Lee Peterson, Steve Grossmann, Jenni Runte, and Chris Lundberg

Council Installation will be Sunday, February 27th.

Scholarship Committee – there was a handout from Louise going over who was part of this committee the document was reviewed by council.

Web Consultant – Lee made a motion to move this to next month's agenda and come back with more information regarding the size of this project, timeline for it, and pay, Chris Knight seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Steve Grossmann made a motion to adjourn, Lee Peterson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Pastor Steve closed with the Lord's prayer.

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 17th at 7pm

Minutes submitted by: Stephanie Wendel, staff Accountant