

CHISAGO LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Council Minutes - approved  
March 17, 2022 – 7:00 pm

All current members were present: Pastor Steve Cruys, Jamie Carlson, Chris Lundberg, Steve Grossmann (Vice President), Lee Peterson (President), Dave Johnson (Treasurer) Chris Knight, Sally Barott (Secretary). Lee Peterson announced that Jenni Runte resigned from the council.

Absent: Staff member, Stephanie Wendel (Church Accountant),

The meeting was held in the Green Room. Lee Peterson called the meeting order at 7:00 pm. Pastor Steve Cruys shared devotions from his 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Advent Facebook video post.

There was a motion from Dave Johnson to approve the agenda, seconded by Chris Knight. Agenda was approved by council. A motion from Dave Johnson made to approve the February council minutes, seconded by Chris Lundberg. Minutes approved by council.

Treasurer's Report: Dave Johnson presented the February 28, 2022 Treasurer's Report. Three corrections were made – the Actual Year-to-Date General Income should be \$49,698. The Worship and Music Actual Year-to-Date should be \$823. The Net Excess/(Deficit) should now read <\$15,361>.

Old Business:

- Dave Johnson accepted the check signer position, replacing Jenni Runte.
- Web consultant, tabled by council. To be discussed at future meetings.
- Louise is requesting photographs of each council member; Pastor will take photos.

New Business:

- The Call Committee. Open discussion. Will be made up of volunteer CLLC members. Council members cannot be on the Call Committee. Announce that if you know of anyone who would like to volunteer, please ask them to fill out a nomination form in the Sanctuary and put in the offering plate, or church office.
- The MET Update (Mission Exploration Team). Team members are Rod Strenke, Mary Grimm, Maddy Lindahl, Scott Lundberg, and Sue Abrahamson is alternate.

**The next phases will be:**

The CLLC Council approves the Call Committee volunteers.

Next, the Synod sees the profile.

Then the Call Committee works for 6-8 weeks for interviews, meetings, etc.

- Our CLLC Quilters requested a Quilts fundraiser on Palm Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. Steve Grossman made a motion to accept the request, seconded by Chris Lundberg. Approved by CLLC Council. Quilts will be displayed in the Fellowship Hall and Sanctuary. They can be purchased for \$40 ea. Profits will be put towards quilting supplies for next year.
- CLACA (Chisago Lakes Area Clergy Association) is in need of food for a fundraiser (no monetary donations, just food). Churches participating are CLLC, CL Ev. Free Church, Maranatha, Trinity Lutheran Church, Zion Lutheran Church. More information to follow.
- Added discussion, Chris Lundberg made a motion, seconded by Dave Johnson to add to 2023 Budget: 3.5% Synod, 1.5% to Luther Point Bible Camp would be divided evenly. Suggested a split for Luther Point and CLACA. Council will revisit at the end of the year.
- Jaime Carlson reported the Lasagna Fundraiser Dinner profits at \$1,270.00. They served 150-160 dinners. The youth will be holding a Palm Sunday Breakfast fundraiser, April 10<sup>th</sup> in the fellowship hall.
- Christian Ed. will be hosting an Easter morning Continental Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall.
- Property Committee: The railing at the upper exterior entrance to the narthex was brought to the council. Steve Grossmann said it was taken down due to rusting out. He reported that the drainage issues also need to be addressed. The pine tree near the side of the building needs to be removed (roots growing into the foundation causing this). Sally Barott gave input there needs to be a new railing and a new sidewalk done this year. It will help the handicapped members/visitors, elderly members/visitors, tour groups (some have limitations). This is needed especially in winter. Sally asked Brad Mattson of the 3M Committee if there were funds to help replace. He said, “Yes, and the whole area – some grading might be needed. We have the funds in 3M” Steve also proposed a giving campaign to raise the funds for the railing. More discussion at the April Council meeting.
- Pastor Cruys reported about the Synod Assembly attendees and registration.
- CLLC Wedding Coordinator compensation. We had discussion about the current compensation and rules for our wedding coordinator(s), i.e., What is a member? as defined in our wedding policy. A motion was made to increase the compensation for our coordinators. It included that non-member weddings to use our CLLC wedding coordinator, and/or if they use their wedding coordinator, our CLLC wedding coordinators must be at church for the wedding and receive the wedding coordinator fee of \$400. Dave Johnson was a 1<sup>st</sup>, and Lee Peterson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Council voted and approved to increase the compensation to \$400.00.

- Re-installation of bulletin boards on floor 2, stairs to floor 2 and the narthex area near the patio doors. We still have the bulletin boards and they will need some freshening and put back up.
- Note: Repainting the hallway from floor 2 from Elevator to the office (currently orange walls). Sally Barott proposed a beige color replace the orange painted walls. There will be a need for painting volunteers. A summer 2022 project. More discussion at upcoming meetings.
- SCUF (St. Croix Unitarian Universalist Fellowship) update. June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 the group hopes to hold the start of their meetings in our church lower classroom area. We are working on a legal lease with the group. More discussion at upcoming Council meetings.
- Communion at the Alter. Pastor Cruys reported that we will once again be having Railing Communion. More information to follow, watch announcements.

The meeting concluded at 9:00 pm. Dave Johnson made a motion to adjourn and Steve Grossmann 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. All in agreement. We held a closing prayer holding hands and saying The Lord's Prayer.

Our next meeting will be April 21<sup>st</sup> in The Green Room.

Respectfully submitted by Sally Barott, Secretary