

CHISAGO LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Council Minutes - **Approved**
June 23, 2022 – 7:00 pm

Members present: Pastor Steve Cruys, Jamie Carlson, Chris Lundberg, Steve Grossmann (Vice President), Lee Peterson (President), Chris Knight, Sally Barott (Secretary), Dave Johnson (Treasurer) and Lori Sampson.

Members absent: none

Guest: Barb Wikelius

Staff member, Stephanie Wendel, Church Accountant

The meeting was held in the Office Conference Room. Lee Peterson called the meeting order at 7:00 pm.

Pastor Steve Cruys shared Devotions, two stories from Luke. The first, the hate between the Jews and the Samaritans. The second story: If you look at what they're saying, there are always excuses for what we do. If you want to do things well, you have to be focused on that thing.

Lee Peterson introduced Barb Wikelius. She will be moved to the top of the agenda tonight to present the CLLC Constitution Report. There was a motion from Steve Grossmann to approve the Agenda, seconded by Sally Barott. Agenda was approved.

A motion from Dave Johnson to approve the June council minutes, seconded by Chris Knight. Council Minutes approved.

New Business:

Barb Wikelius Report: Barb handed out a copy of the CLLC Constitution edits to the Council members. Barb and Jenni Runte have been working on the CLLC Constitution Updates. Barb would like the Council Members to do steps a-f. Need to look at Chapter 13 proposed additions. We will go over items/questions next month with Barb. She explained the New Recommendation for Amendments, i.e., delete the word 'annual' - see page 5.

Item 1601: 10% of voting can be lowered if we think it would be a good number...we can.

Item 3: Remove the dollar amount, (has to go to the congregation, or leave, or change. See underlined).

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\$10,000.00 if needed (emergencies can be ok'd). Non budgeted vs. budgeted.

Note: Chris Lundberg and Lee Peterson volunteered to work with Barb before our next meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Dave Johnson presented the current report. It is available upon request. \$6,200.00 Loss in the month of May. \$33,533.00 for Year-to-Date. Revenue down approximately \$20,000.00.

Memorial, Mission and Ministry committee requests approval of the following recommendations:

1.) Use \$20,000.00 from the Perpetual Fund Interest account at Edward Jones to purchase a one-year Certificate of Deposit at an interest rate of approximately 2.5%.

- 2.) Use \$200,000.00 from 3M (Memorial, Mission and Ministry) Mission Investment Fund to create a ladder of four \$50,000.00 Certificates of Deposit at Edward Jones, one certificate will mature every three months.
- 3.) Use \$40,000.00 from Undesignated Funds for Sidewalk and Drainage Project. The balance of the project to come from a congregational appeal, read below.
- 4.) Use \$395.00 for Bible Camp and \$1,000.00 for Vacation Bible School from Mattson Campership fund.

We received \$895.00 in gifts. The sidewalk improvement project funding: 2/3 will come from 3M (Memorial, Mission and Ministry) and 1/3 from a congregational appeal. The appeal will ask our members to give \$168.00 per person and \$1.68 from the kids of the congregation. This amount is to represent the church 168 year history. \$20,000.00 is needed for this appeal. Lee Peterson will write an appeal letter and it will go out to the congregation. Pastor Steve will announce in church.

Motion made by Dave Johnson to approve, seconded by Steve Grossmann. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report: There were 2 baptisms, 1 confirmation, 5 new members (plus 4 children), Parmly Worship, he's doing 2 times per month. Van reactivation request from Ashley at Lindstrom Sr. Living. He will speak with Ashley about the van proposal. Could also pick up people at Parmly. Tabled until July meeting. Pastor Steve took vacation from June 13-19. Louise is planning to be back in the office on July 5. Bob O'Neil will be on vacation next week. We will ask Steve and Donna Grossmann to fill in for him.

Old Business:

- The Call Committee: Held several weekly meetings to discuss and facilitate the call for a new pastor. The committee has discussed interview styles along with the pros and cons of in-person vs. remote interviews. The committee has worked diligently to prepare interview questions in preparation for both first and second interviews along with creating a job description to use as a guide for potential candidates. A two week request for nominations was made to the congregation. That window has now closed. The committee has met twice with Rolf from the Synod to discuss the call process and expectations regarding potential pastoral candidates. The committee is in the process of receiving candidates' names and then determining potential interviews.
- The Scholarship Committee - will meet prior to the first week in August to look over the scholarship nominations. The checks will go out at that time.
- Camera Mount. Need more recommendations for the camera mount.
- SCUUFF Follow-up: The SCUUFF organization has declined our last revision of the Facilities Agreement. They will be finding another place to hold their services. It was brought up that other groups who use the church should also be given our new Facilities Agreement, i.e., the 4H group and the NA group.
- Center City Days - Will be July 28-31. We are holding our rummage sale and our outdoor worship service during this time. Their committee sent a letter asking for sponsorship and financial help for Center City Days. We discussed and agreed that we will donate \$300.00 from the church. Steve Grossmann made a motion and Chris Lundberg seconded. The motion carried. Note: it will be taken out of the 3M fund.
- Note: Lee Peterson needs to add Lori Sampson's email list.
- Note: Julie Lauritzen, organist, came to the office and reported the organ was having 'organ failure' during the extremely humid summer days. Bob O'Neil put some extra fans and dehumidifiers in the area behind the alter where the organ pipes are. This helped to remove the moisture causing the pipe failures. They will be kept on through the upcoming months.

Committee Reports:

- Stewardship - No Report
- Historical - Repainting second level hallway beige. Looking for volunteers to do it when cooler weather. Historic chairs. The two chairs Pastor Steve brought to church a few months ago. The Historical Committee reports they do not have any connection to our church history, although they are very nice, and made in Sweden, as it states on the back. They have now been put in the office to replace the two leather chairs that were placed in Pastor Steve's office as his guest chairs. This move was okay with Louise and others in the office. Solves keeping the historic chairs safe, dry and away from any rain problems. The Historical Committee relinquishes responsibility of the chairs.
- Property Committee - Upper Entrance The plumbing problem and wet basement in the church undercroft on June 5. We had 5 wet vacs running 3 hours and took out approx. 250 gallons of water out of the basement. June 23, a plumber is coming to look at this problem. Improvements and water damage report. We are still waiting to hear what the insurance adjuster came up with the damage to the Church property. It was pointed out that we also have water problems because the gutters need to be cleaned.
- Youth - Vacation Bible School is next week.
- Christian Outreach - No Report
- Personnel - No Report
- Christian Ed. - No Report
- Worship & Music - Regarding Communion. The first Sunday, it will be given from the railing. The third Sunday we will dispense from the main floor.
- Cemetery - Sally Barott reported that the cemetery plot prices have increased. Members will now be \$600.00 and non-members were increased to \$900.00. The plot size is now 40" x 12 ft. or 40" x 10ft. - everyone must meet these measurement standards. No oversize burials for a full size grave. Cremation size is 2' x 2' x 2'. After the last storm, Arbor & Home tree service came and cleaned up at the Parsonage, the old cemetery and the ball field.

The meeting concluded at 9:00 pm. Chris Lundberg made a motion to adjourn and Steve Grossmann 2nd the motion. Motion carried.

Our next meeting will be 7:00 pm Thursday, July 21st.

Respectfully submitted by Sally Barott, Secretary