

Chisago Lake Evangelical Lutheran Church
Church Council Meeting
August 19, 2021

7:00 pm, prior to the start of the regular August Council meeting, the council was joined by, Rolf Lowenberg-DeBoer, Assistant to the Bishop for Lay Leadership and Equity Initiatives. Rolf was at the meeting to speak to the council about the upcoming call search process to replace Pastor Taryn. He also talked about the process for the church to secure an interim pastor while the call search was done. Rolf finished his presentation and question period at 8:00 PM

Devotions were done by Rolf prior to the meeting.

Jenni called the meeting to order at 8:07 PM

Members Present: Steve Grossmann, Dave Johnson, Todd Rivard, Jenni Runte, Ethan Johnson, and Stephanie Wendel

Also present: Louise Angrimson

Dave moved to approve agenda, Ethan seconded. Motion passed.

Steve moved to approve July 15, 2021 council minutes, Dave seconded. Motion passed.

Dave presented the Treasurers report.

Reported that nothing was unusual in revenue or expenditures for July. Pledges are ahead of projections for the year. Have not received bequests that are expected from donors yet. Church office has been in contact with one of them. Insurance payment was for a quarter so looked high, was right on track. 3M is right on track, nothing unusual. 3M did pay Chisago Lakes Schools \$1225.00 (\$725+& \$500 received). Jim Peterson is still working on the new accounting program format for the 3M funds.

Motion by Steve, Ethan second to approve financial report. Motion passed.

No Pastors report in the absence of Pastor Taryn.

Announcements:

Jenni reported that St. Croix Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, Gary Noreen, representative, toured the meeting rooms of the church, requesting a room be made available to their group if

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their current facility tests positive for mold. They are looking for a facility to hold their services three Sundays per month. This would be on a rental basis. Discussion about this request. Council members will learn more about Unitarianism.

City of Center City sent a letter advising the church, there may be Manganese in the city water supply. Letter received, no action at this time needed.

A thank you card from Louise was passed around to the council, thanking them for the gift of money and reception that was given upon her leaving.

Jenni brought up questions about newsletter again. Discussion ensued, no action taken.

Committee Reports:

3M.

Dave reported on August 10, 2021 meeting of 3M Committee. Reference minutes of that meeting for details.

Financial Committee:

Dave reported that audit is being investigated yet. Dave stated there is plenty of time to get it done this year. The committee is waiting for a final proposal and estimate from two firms that have been contacted. Next item was, need a fourth person on the signature card to sign checks. Since Katie Schneider left the council, there are only 3 people available. Dave offered to be that 4th person. Discussion of conflict since Dave is the Treasurer. Motion by Dave, second by Jenni that Steve be placed on the bank records to sign checks. Motion passed.

Resurrection Committee:

Questions sent out to Resurrection committee and council for their input was discussed.

Questions discussed and action taken as follows:

Question if Wednesday night worship should start again. Resurrection committee recommended to wait until a new pastor is hired.

Steve made motion that church programs move forward as normal with masks being optional.

Ethan seconds the motion. Motions passed unanimously.

Steve made a motion that singing in the church move forward as normal, masks optional. Ethan seconds the motion. Motions passed.

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Steve made a motion that masks are optional while inside the church building. Ethan seconds the motion. Steve amended his motion to include while inside the church building, and in worship. Ethan accepts the amended motions. Motion passed.

Youth Committee:

Hiking trip out West happened and was a lot of fun. No bear stories to tell.

In other discussion during this committee report, Steve made a motion that all constitutional committees start meeting again and give a report to the council at their regular September meeting, through their council rep. Ethan seconds the motion. Motion passed.

Luther Point:

Discussion about the regular donations paid to Luther Point, relative to their request for a donation to their capital fund drive. Ethan made a motion that there be no change to the Luther Point donation. Dave seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Discussion of Pastor Taryn's Reception:

After church reception for Pastor Taryn on August 29, 2021 ensued. Dave and Ethan will take care of details and solicit help with the reception. Todd offered to help if needed. Butch Johnson of the personnel committee will be asked to say a few words at the reception. Parting gift for Taryn was discussed. Motion by Steve to gift Taryn \$300.00, after deductions, for her going away gift. Dave seconded. Motion passed.

New Business on Agenda:

#1 Discussion that another council person needs to be recruited since Katie Schneider's resignation. Could be added yet this year to fill the vacancy.

#2 Constitution Revisions. Need to work on the Constitution revision before the annual congregational meeting. A committee will be formed to work on the constitution or find someone to work on the structural changes for the council. Decided that the council will have a work day to work on this.

#3 Affirm Executive Committee's approval of accrued leave payout for Pastor Taryn. 5 days. Motion by Dave, second by Steve. Motion passed unanimously.

#4 Motion made by Dave to approve Pastor Taryn's temporary use of the parsonage to store personal effects until they can move. Ethan second. Motion passed.

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#5 Motion by Dave second by Ethan to affirm council's email vote to hire Bridget Spiess as the office coordinator, starting September 1, 2021. Motion passed unanimously.

#6 Motion by Steve to affirm the council's email vote to confirm Louise Angrimson's consulting, starting Monday, August 16, 2021. Ethan seconds. Motion passed.

Motion by Dave to adjourn meeting. Ethan seconds. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted

Todd Rivard

Church Secretary