

**Chisago Lake Lutheran Church
Council Minutes – Approved
August 24, 2022**

Members present: Pastor Steve Cruys, Jamie Carlson, Chris Lundberg, Steve Grossman, Lee Peterson, Sally Barott, Chris Knight, Lori Sampson.

Members absent: Dave Johnson

Staff member: Stephanie Wendel, Church Accountant

President Lee Peterson called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

Devotions by Pastor Steve Cruys.

Agenda Approval – Steve Grossmann moved to approve the agenda as written. Seconded by Chris Lundberg. Approved.

Minutes Approval – Lee Peterson moved to approve the July 2022 minutes. Seconded by Chris Lundberg. Approved.

Treasurer's Report: In Dave Johnson's absence, Stephanie Wendel presented the July 31, 2022 Treasurer's Report. Income for July was \$54,976 which includes a \$28,867 estate gift. Year-to-date income is \$211,549. Year-to-date the Treasurer's Report reflects a deficit of (16,799). **Chris Lundberg moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. Second by Chris Knight. Approved.**

3M Report - There was a motion made by Steve Grossman to approve the 3M strategy to invest \$200,000 from the 3M Mission Investment Fund account to purchase four \$50,000 Certificate of Deposits through Edward Jones. Second by Chris Lundberg. Approved.

Pastor's Report

- Devotions: Appreciation for doubt. Politics = Black & White. We don't want to live in the gray of life. Doubt is the 'ants in the pants...they keep us moving.' Our Faith is a more solid foundation, it's the bedrock we put our lives on.
- Upcoming vacations for Pastor Cruys will be filled by various substitute pastors. September 5-19, 2022. The council approved his request to 'tele-work.'

Committee Reports

Youth Committee – Jamie Carlson reported: - Gods work our hands is Sept 11th.

- Stacy Johnson has asked that the council dress up the lower level entrance. (Painting, accessorizing).
- Stacy has asked the quilters to work on a quilt.
- Stacy will have a painting project and a few other projects for the congregation and youth to work on.
- Rally Day: Sunday, September 25.
 - Kickball game at the Moody Ball Field.
 - Popcorn and cotton candy will be served to add to the fun.
- **Confirmation:**
 - 8th grade will join with Trinity again this year.
 - 6th-7th will be at CLLC. Stacy and Jamie will pick them up at CLMS if the school bus is no longer able to drop the kids off at CLLC. Volunteers are needed.
 - CLLC will continue to work with Zion, Trinity and potentially Almelund's Immanuel Lutheran to create a larger community of opportunities for our youth. (retreats, events/activities).
 - Confirmation is now for the 6th-8th graders.
- **Fall Planning:**
 - The youth group is planning to host a movie night in the fall.

Historical Committee – Sally Barott and Chris Knight reported on the donated Swedish chairs. They will remain in the office reception area. The historical committee relinquishes responsibility for the chairs. All is acceptable with the office and historical committee.

Property Committee - Steve Grossman shared an update on the entry upgrade (sidewalk/landscaping) project. Still need more donations from the congregation.

Call Committee: Lori Sampson reported. An update from the call committee was provided which outlined the process and current status. The committee indicated that they likely would have a significant update next week.

New Business:

1. **Congregational Meeting:** The Parsonage needs updates before we call a new pastor. We discussed the needs after viewing the Parsonage before the Council Meeting tonight. The upstairs bathroom needs updates, the carpets need cleaning, replace the wood burning fireplace with a gas fireplace insert, paint interior, replace ceiling fans, some electrical work. Cost estimates were \$60,000.00. Council proposed a Congregational Meeting to discuss the improvements on Sunday, September 18, 2022 after the church service. **Chris Lundberg moved to approve. Second by Lori Sampson. Approved.**
2. **Operation Community Connect** – Chisago County has requested the use of the building on Thursday, October 20th from 11 am-2 pm for Operation Community Connect. The Al-Anon group that has used our building has also asked to resume their schedule this fall. We discussed the groups using the church for meetings. The 4-H group has requested October 25th for a meeting, in which we gave the go-ahead. We will provide a new agreement form that is consistent to all groups wanting to use the building. More at future meetings.
3. **The 21st Annual Church Bazaar** is scheduled for Saturday, December 3, 2022. More updates as the plans are announced.
4. **Family Pathways** has provided a list of items needed for the school children. We will collect these items on the list and communicate to the congregation of these needs.

The next meeting date will be Thursday, September 15th in the Green Room.

Lee Peterson motioned to adjourn at 8:50 pm. Seconded by Steve Grossman. We closed the meeting with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Barott