

Chisago Lake Evangelical Lutheran Church
Church Council Meeting
September 16, 2021

At 7:10 PM the regular meeting of the church council was called to order by President, Jenni Runte.

Members present: Gary Anderson, Steve Grossman, Dave Johnson, Jenni Runte, Todd Rivard, and Pastor Steve Cruys.

Devotions to the council were done by Pastor Steve Cruys.

Pastor Steve Cruys was officially introduced to the council and gave a brief rundown of his background.

Motion by Dave Johnson to approve the proposed agenda, Gary Anderson seconded. Motion passed.

Motion by Dave Johnson, seconded by Gary Anderson to approve the minutes from the regular August 19, 2021 meeting as well as the minutes from the August 31, 2021 Special Council Meeting. Gary Anderson seconded.

After discussion prior to the vote.

Dave Johnson made an amended motion to approve the minutes as amended in the discussion, Gary Anderson seconded. Motion passed.

Dave Johnson presented the Treasurers report, stating there were no unusual expenses to the report. Income and expenses were a little low from projected. Dave talked about 3M expenditure for the roof replacement that was paid for with 3M funds out of the mission investment funds. That withdrawal did not show up this month because reporting is one month behind.

Gary Anderson made motion to accept the treasures report, Steve Grossman seconded. Motion passed.

Pastor Steve gave pastors report. Stated that he conducted an exit interview with Ian Lexvold as he will be leaving his position. Also, John Nelson's sister, Lorraine Russ will be buried tomorrow in the Cemetery. There will be a short memorial service at grave side.

Announcements:

Jenni Runte asked that council look at the phase chart that will walk the parish through the Pastor call process. We are presently on phase 2 of the call chart. Phase 2 may last 3-12 months.

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Council actions to Committee's:

Jenni Runte stated that all council members that are representatives for the various committee's should remind the committee's that they need to keep the council up to date with Money Matters as it pertains to their committees.

Another council member to sign checks:

Jenni reminded the council that Steve Grossman was going to be placed on the bank signature card which would allow him to sign checks. Louise is working with the bank to have Steve do the necessary paper work without having all signers redo their signatures.

Committee Reports:

3M Committee

Committee would like to put memorial funds of Gerald Anderson into Perpetual Fund with Edward Jones investment. The committee would like to see the designation of where funds should go or were intended for by the donor. Other item was the scholarship fund. Dave stated the committee thought a scholarship committee should be formed. Louise has taken care of the fund prior to this. Dave reported that no activity on the Gladys Johnson gift.

Motion by Steve Grossman to put \$5,022.47 from Gerald Anderson gift to Perpetual Funds, Gary Anderson Seconded. Motion passed.

Finance Committee:

Committee wanted to have someone check if there is a warranty on the Bat Extermination or when it expires that was done in the parsonage. Budget packets will be going out to committee's to request monies for the upcoming year. Dave reported on the Audit that is being looked at. He stated the only company that was still interestd or qualified for this type of audit is, Mahoney. The person that would be assigned to this audit would be, Carol E. Lindsey who has done many audits of this kind. Mahoney recommended that a Consulting Agreement is a much better, more flexible way to do this type of audit. That way they can look at procedures and give recommendations of the accounting systems that have and are being used. They will be looking at 2020, balances carried forward as part of this. Cost is estimated to be \$5,000 to \$8,000 for the Consulting. Mahoney can start as soon as it is approved by the council.

Dave Johnson made the motion we appoint Mahoney to do a Consulting Agreement. Steve Grossman seconded the motion. Discussion. Dave amended the motion to appoint Mahoney to do a Consulting Agreement and pay for it out of the 3M account. Steve agreed the amended motion. Motion passed.

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Stewardship Committee:

Committee is pretty inactive. They need to get together and talk about a Steward Drive. No action taken.

Resurrection Committee:

Gary said that this committee is pretty much dissolved. Since Tom Leif resigned and Covid issues died out and are now a big issue again. Taryn attempted to get committee together but never worked out. No action taken.

Christian Outreach Committee:

Dave Johnson reported that Chris Lundberg who organizes the Thanksgiving Community Dinner, inquired if the church was planning on sponsoring the dinner this year.

Motion by Steve Grossman to sponsor the Thanksgiving Community Meal this year, Dave Johnson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Cemetery Committee:

No meetings have taken place. Duke Millington retired after 20+ years mowing church property. James Larson will now be taking his place with the mowing and other duties. No action taken.

Property Committee:

No action needed

Historical Committee:

No report. No action needed.

Renewal Committee:

No Report. No action needed.

Children, Family, & Youth:

Wednesday evening worship is on hold. Stacy would like to do Wednesday groups. She is going to hold off until October with anything.

Worship and Music Committee:

Sunday worship will be moved to 10:00 AM next Sunday to accommodate the Rally Sunday BBQ.

Personnel Committee:

Jenni reported that Ian Lexvold's position is being talked about by the committee. His last day is September 22, 2021. He will help out after that date if need be. Pastor Steve will work with the

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Committee on the replacement of Ian's position. Butch Johnson is on that committee and should be contacted.

Continuing Resolution:

Discussion on this topic continues after several meetings. Draft resolution that Pastor Taryn drafted was again looked at. Discussed that a change needs to be made in the constitution that accounts for large emergency expenditures. Now any expenditure over \$10,000 is to be approved by a Congregational vote. There was extensive discussion on the issue. Todd Rivard made a suggestion to remove the dollar amount from the proposed resolution.

Gary Anderson made a motion to approve the Continuing Resolution regarding council approved spending amount, that the Congregation Council can enter contracts for items not included in the general budget. Seconded by Steve Grossman. Motion passed.

Parsonage:

Discussion on letter received by James Larson. James offered to live in the parsonage and pay all utilities, rent free. After discussion no action taken.

Constitution Revision:

Jenni Runte spoke to the current parish constitution. The constitution needs to be updated by the Congregational annual meeting. Couple of things were talked about, ie. combining 3M and finance.

Gary Anderson made a motion to promote the constitution revision and ask for volunteers to be on the committee. Dave Johnson seconded. Motion passed.

Motion made by Gary Anderson to affirm the Email vote to extend Interim Pastor offer to Steve Cruys, Steve Grossman seconded. Motion passed.

Motion made by Gary Anderson to affirm Email vote to enter Interim Pastor Covenant with Steve Cruys, obtain synod approval, Steve Grossman seconded. Motion passed.

Motion made by Gary Anderson to approve Notary Public Registration fee for Office Coordinator, Bridget Spiess, \$120.00 plus \$60-\$80 for stamp, Dave Johnson Seconded. Motion passed.

Rally Day welcome for Pastor Steve discussed. Already discussed earlier. No action taken.

Lengthy discussion about Data and equipment security. No action taken.

Motion made by Jenni Runte to adjourn, Gary Anderson seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted: Todd Rivard, Secretary