

## CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 23, 2023

Members Present: John Ornes, Emily Bever, Joel Arndt, Kirstin Arndt, Barb Bever, Ayawyn Conner, Rachel Conner, Jerry Von Haden, Lori Brueggen

Also Present: Pastor Karen Sparling, Nalani Bever

The meeting was called to order by Council President John Ornes with Joel Arndt leading the opening prayer.

Motion by Joel Arndt, second by Barb Bever to approve the March 12, 2023 meeting minutes. MC

The council had a discussion with Pastor Karen Sparling with regard to the requirements of the Synod Authorized Minister (SAM) program. Pastor Sparling is working on the essay which is required of her. The council then went through the SAM Congregational Registration Form (Communal Discernment) which needs to be completed and sent to the synod office. Kirstin Arndt accepted the task of completing the form and having it ready in due time for Council President Ornes to sign and return the same to the Synod Office. Pastor Sparling will also provide the Council with a copy of her essay.

Motion by Joel Arndt, second by Lori Brueggen to accept the March financial report and pay the May, 2023 bills. MC

Nalani Bever reported the profit from the chicken dinner will be around \$4,500.00. She also advised the council the church had received a \$2,000.00 donation from Dean Brandau for the "steps" fund.

### **Committee Reports:**

Education – none

Financial – none

Property – Nalani will take the lawn mower for service to Joe Yoder.

Social Ministry – meeting on April 30 to prepare the May and June birthday /anniversary cards

Worship – none

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Organ – Steve Brandau is authorized to install a plug-in on each side of the wall surrounding the organ

Steps – No additional drawings have been received from HSR of Miron Construction.

Bibles – the Sunday School children will receive their Bibles on May 14, the college-age students will be invited to attend the May 21 service at which time they will be given the Lutheran Study Bible

### **NEW BUSINESS**

May Schedule: May 7 confirmation, May 14 Mother's Day, May 21 Graduation Sunday – Katie Gruen will be receiving the St. Paul scholarship

Spring clean-up: May 6, 9:00 – 12:00

Motion by Lori Brueggen, second by Kirstin Arndt to give a gift of \$100.00 to Russell Steinbrink for snow removal during this past winter.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 21, 2023, following worship.

Motion by Joel Arndt, second by Barb Bever to adjourn the meeting following the Lord's Prayer. MC

The reconciled September, 2022, financial report was presented along with the October and November bills. Motion by Lori Brueggen, second by John Ornes to accept the reports and approve the payment of the bills. MC

#### Committee Reports:

Education: The Sunday School children will present a Christmas Program at the Christmas Eve Service.

Financial: The certificate of deposit renewing October 31, will be renewed for a 6 month term with an interest rate of 4.35%. Jerry also reported he, Justin, and Nalani met with Griffin Moe of Edward Jones, at which time Griffin suggested the Council might want to consider a different breakdown other than the current 75/25 on the \$50,000.00 Garey funds. No action was taken.

Property: Justin presented a revised option with regard to the front steps and lift project which has been discussed over the past few months. A meeting will be sought with HSR and or Miron Construction to discuss pricing and perhaps additional modifications. The goal remains to present options at the Annual Meeting in January, 2023.

Social Ministry: No formal report.

Worship: The hope is to change communion settings after the first of the year.

Transition: A survey is being mailed with the newsletter asking that the completed surveys be returned by year end. The Assistant-to-the-Bishop will be preaching on December 18, 2022, with members hoping to share some preliminary responses with her at that time.

#### Old Business:

Organ Repair: Status quo. The new floor needs to be completed before any progress can be made.

Stair Project: Refer to Property Committee Report.

Christmas: At this time we do not have an ordained Lutheran minister on board to lead the worship and administer communion. Karen Sparling is an option for a service without communion.

#### New Business:

Thanksgiving: Nalani will contact the Methodist folks in Norwalk about the possibility of having a service.

Fall clean-up: Yard work has been completed, therefore, no need to schedule a working date.

Next meeting: Tentatively set for December 4, 2022.

Motion by Lori Brueggen, second by Ayawyn Conner to adjourn the meeting following the Lord's Prayer. MC