

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

August 13, 2023

Members Present: John Ornes, Emily Bever, Joel Arndt, Barb Bever, Rachel Conner, Ayawyn Conner

Members Absent: Lori Brueggen, Kirstin Arndt, Jerry Von Haden

Also Present: 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 July 9, 2023, meeting minutes. MC

Motion by Joel Arndt, second by Emily Bever to approve the July financial report and pay the August, 2023 bills. MC.

Committee Reports:

Education –Rachel Conner reported VBS was a success with approximately 20 children participating. Sunday School will begin on September 10.

Financial – Kirstin absent, therefore, no report was given.

Property – Jerry was absent, however, Steve and John were able to determine the water in the basement came in as a result of the plastic tube being off-center on the downspout. They corrected the problem and Ayawyn mopped up the water.

Social Ministry – The committee will be meeting on August 28, after service, to prepare the September and October birthday/anniversary cards. Movie night is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, September 6 at 7:00 PM. The first two episodes of “The Chosen” will be shown.

Worship – Hudson Brueggen will be baptized on September 10, with Pastor Pursley leading worship.

NEW BUSINESS:

Insurance Renewal: Motion by Joel Arndt, second by Barb Bever to remove the Broadened coverage from the church building, insure at 100%, and increase the deductible to \$5000. MC

Organ Blower: – We will need to replace the current blower in view of the proposed lift needing the area in which the blower is located. The cost will exceed the council’s spending limit and will necessitate a special congregation meeting. The meeting will be held on September 17, 2023.

OLD BUSINESS:

Steps - Joel will contact Justin and have HSR draw plans for; (1) bathroom converted to unisex; (2) side entrance to church with handicap accessibility; (3) replace the existing steps with concrete, starting at the sidewalk and terrace the longer run to the church entrance; (4) lift. We will also need firmer cost estimates to take to the congregation.

Organ – See New Business item

SAM – On hold pending the psychological exam, meeting with Synod Committee, and final determination of Bishop.

Living Faith Partnership- John indicated Arlis and Larry are interested in helping with the history of St. Paul’s. Other members the council thought might be interested were Bud Osteboe and Florence Dougherty. John will make contact with Bud and Florence.

The next meeting will be held on September 10, 2023, following worship.

Motion by Rachel Conner, second by Ayawyn Conner to adjourn the meeting following the Lord’s Prayer. MC

Emily Bever
Secretary