

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

July 9, 2023

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

Members Absent: Lori Brueggen, Kirstin Arndt

Also Present: Nalani Bever, Bud Osteboe

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 June 11, 2023 meeting minutes. MC

Motion by Joel Arndt, second by Jerry Von Haden to accept the June financial report and pay the July, 2023 bills. MC.

New Business: Bud Osteboe gave a report on the new Synod initiative: Living Faith Partnership. Each church in the Synod will be partnered with another church, St. Paul's with Our Redeemer Lutheran in La Crosse. The Synod is asking each church to put together a history of their respective church and a group of 3-5 members present the same to the other church body. The council took this under advisement and John will reach out to possible congregation members to compile and report our history to Our Redeemer.

Committee Reports:

Education – Rachel Conner reported VBS will be on July 23rd to July 26th from 5:30pm to 8:00pm at St Paul's. The theme is Armor of God. St. Paul's will be providing snacks on July 23rd and July 25th.

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

Property – Jerry Von Haden reported Steve Brandau has finished the area in the balcony for the organ. Steve also filled in the cracks on the sidewalks.

Social Ministry – Barb Bever reported the July and August cards are being sent out. September is the tentative start for our next movie month.

Worship – none

OLD BUSINESS:

Steps - Joel will have Justin contact HSR and ask for a structural engineer to visit and determine if the basement bathroom can be converted to a Unisex bathroom; the lift would definitely use the entire area, including the area where the organ blower is now located; whether the back wall of the sanctuary is a load bearing wall.

Organ – The installation of the organ is on hold pending the whether a blower will need to be installed in the organ chamber.

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

The next meeting will be held on August 13, 2023, following worship.

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

Emily Bever
Secretary