

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 11, 2023, CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEETING

Present: Pastor Christine Olson, President Matt Vanni, Secretary Joanna Magrane, Treasurer Debbie Villas, Jim Briar, Stacy Hansen, Jeff Hines, Betty Kohrt, Chris Nelson, Gail Sieglaff, Cindy Smith, Bill Taccolini Excused Late Arrival: Jeremy Sallgren Excused: Vice-President Terrie Porras Present to Report: Judy Raygo, Patti Treptow

Call to Order/Agenda Approval: Matt called the meeting to order at 6:01, then called for review and approval of the agenda. Bill made a MOTION to approve the Agenda, SECONDED by Stacy, MOTION CARRIED.

Opening Devotion: Pastor Christine read 1 Peter 1:3-9, which was followed by discussion and prayer.

Secretary's Report: Matt called for review and approval of the Minutes of the March 14th meeting. Bill made a MOTION to approve the minutes, SECONDED by Chris, MOTION CARRIED.

Treasurer's Report: Debbie reviewed the financial reports and requested Council's approval to transfer \$200,000 from the Mission Investment Fund to a CD-type account for one year to take advantage of rising interest rates. Stacy made a MOTION to approve the transfer, SECONDED by Betty, MOTION CARRIED.

Jeff relayed the Finance Committee's concern about declining funds, noting that expenses have been trimmed as much as possible, and challenged Council, on behalf of the Finance Committee, to create a new committee to find additional sources of income or charge an existing committee with this task.

ACTION ITEMS: OLD BUSINESS

None

REPORTS

Youth & Family Ministry Director's Report: Patti presented her report as written.

President's Report: Matt thanked Patti for her efforts on the Palm Sunday pancake breakfast and noted that she and the kids worked hard to make it a successful Youth fundraiser. Matt also reported that he was pleased to see new faces at Sunday services and felt renewed energy within the Congregation.

Youth (Little Lutherans): Stacy reported that more than 25 children participated in the Palm Sunday Egg Hunt and everyone had a great time.

Learning: Jeff reported that the committee met on April 4th. Five children have prepared for their First Communion, three of whom have received it and two of whom will do so at a later date. There are currently six 7th graders and six 8th graders in Confirmation. The 8th graders are working on final projects, which will be displayed soon. They will be confirmed on Reformation Sunday. Vacation Bible School will be held July 18th through 20th for Kindergarten through 5th grades. This year's VBS theme is Pets Unleashed. Bible Study is held the first Thursday of each month.

Endowment: Did not meet.

Fellowship: Joanna reported that the committee met on April 11th. They have discussed several possible fellowship activities/events and would like input from the Congregation to help them decide where to focus their efforts. A survey is planned to gather information about the Congregation's preferences. It will be included in the Sunday bulletins as well as the Messenger in May.

Human Resources: Did not meet.

Memorial: Did not meet.

Outreach: Gail reported that committee members assembled and delivered 18 Easter baskets to our shut-ins, which were very well-received.

Policies & Procedures: Did not meet.

Property: The committee did not officially meet, but they have reviewed carpet/pew cleaning bids and have submitted the proposal from Fresh Clean Carpet Cleaning for Council approval. They have also been working on chimney bids, inventory, and a few other projects.

Gail made a MOTION to approve the Fresh Clean Carpet Cleaning proposal, SECONDED by Bill, MOTION CARRIED.

Stewardship: Did not meet.

Worship: Pastor Christine reported that the committee met on March 21st to discuss Easter plans.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Christine presented her report as written.

ACTION ITEMS: NEW BUSINESS

Summer Worship Schedule:

The summer schedule will begin May 28th with one 9:00 am service. Weather permitting, the service will be held outdoors on the second Sundays of June, July, and August. There will be no choir for summer services.

Carpet & Pew Cleaning: See Property Committee Report above.

Narcan: Matt proposed that Narcan, a nasal spray that acts as a reversal agent in cases of opioid overdose, be placed in the AD (Atrial Defibrillator) case in the narthex. After discussion, a MOTION was made by Bill to place Narcan in the AD case, SECONDED by Gail, MOTION CARRIED. Matt will get it from the Health Department. It was also noted that the expiration date must be monitored.

LONG TERM PROJECT/GOALS

These will be discussed at a later date.

ADJOURNMENT

Matt adjourned the meeting at 7:56 on a MOTION by Bill, SECONDED by Betty, MOTION CARRIED. The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted by Joanna Magrane, Council Secretary