

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 10, 2024, CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEETING

Present: Pastor Christine Olson; President Terrie Porras; VP Jim Briar; Secretary Joanna Magrane; Treasurer Debbie Villas; Cindy Smith; Gail Sieglaff; Jeff Hines; Jeremy Sallgren; Eileen Beyer; Holly Bayerl; Brianna Camps; Youth Member Emily Lenca

Excused Absences: Bill Taccolini and VP Chris Nelson

Call to Order & Approval of Agenda: Terrie called the meeting to order at 6:01. It was noted that “Annual Meeting” should be under Old Business. Cindy made a motion to approve the Agenda as amended, SECONDED by Gail, MOTION CARRIED.

Opening Devotion: Pastor Christine led a discussion of Titus 3:4-7.

Secretary’s Report: Terrie called for review and acceptance of the November 12, 2024, Minutes. Brianna noted a spelling error in her name. Terrie noted two corrections under President’s Report: The first sentence should begin “The Executive Committee met with the Nominating Committee”, and the fourth sentence should state that Pastor Christine’s contract will be extended through Easter of 2027, not 2026. Joanna noted an error in the October Minutes where, under Contract Renewal for Pastor Christine, 2025 should be corrected to 2027. The Minutes were accepted as amended and filed.

Treasurer’s & Finance Committee Report: The Finance Committee Report dated 11/12/24 was submitted as written. Debbie reviewed the financial reports. The Treasurer’s Report was accepted as presented and filed.

ACTION ITEMS: OLD BUSINESS

2025 Church Budget: Debbie distributed and reviewed a draft of the 2025 Budget Worksheet, which included proposed 2024 bonuses. Cindy made a MOTION to approve the bonuses, SECONDED by Gail, MOTION CARRIED.

Church Pictural Directory: Brianna reported that the directory team is continuing to gather information and evaluate various options.

Air Conditioners: Tabled until March 2025

Contemporary Service: Tabled until March 2025

Annual Meeting: Terrie noted various rules and deadlines regarding the Annual Meeting, which will be held January 26th following 9:00 worship. She also reported that membership numbers have been reviewed and the number of voting members required for a quorum has been reduced.

ACTION ITEMS: NEW BUSINESS

Nominating Committee Report: Terrie distributed and reviewed the Nominating Committee Report detailing 2025 positions to be filled and the candidates nominated by the

committee to fill those positions. There being no further nominations from Council, Terrie requested a motion to accept the candidates as presented, to be listed on the Annual Congregation Meeting voting ballot for election to open positions. MOTION by Cindy, SECONDED by Brianna, MOTION CARRIED.

REPORTS

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

President's Report: Terrie informed Council that candidates for Council President and Vice-President have been found, but the position of secretary still needs to be filled.

Committee Reports:

Council Representatives from the following committees gave reports to Council:

Youth (Little Lutherans): Holly reported that preparations are complete for the final Christmas Program rehearsal and children's Christmas party to be held on December 14th.

Fellowship: Joanna reported that the Fellowship Committee will host Bunco on Thursday, January 16th, and will provide donuts and coffee for the Annual Meeting.

Memorial: Cindy reported on the recent purchase of 5 electric roasters at an excellent sale price.

Outreach: Joanna reported on December activities including the collection of food and non-food items for local food pantries, the Tree of Love/Angel Tree, and the Christmas cookie sale. She also noted that fruit baskets will be distributed to shut-ins.

Property: Jeremy reported on recent maintenance tasks.

Stewardship: Eileen reported that the committee has completed this year's stewardship program and won't meet again until planning begins for the 2025 stewardship drive.

Worship: Brianna reported that about 14 volunteers helped to decorate the church at Hanging of the Greens on December 8th.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Cindy made a MOTION to adjourn, SECONDED by Jeremy, MOTION CARRIED. Terrie adjourned the meeting at 7:33. The meeting concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanna Magrane, Council Secretary