

Minutes of the February 11th, 2025 Congregation Council Meeting

Present: Pastor Christine Olson; President Brianna Camps; Vice President Joanna Magrane; Secretary Holly Bayerl; Cindy Smith; Jeff Hines; Jeremy Sallgren; Jim Briar; Allyson Bickel; Janet Conklin; James Porras Excused Absences: Eileen Beyer, Andrew Miller; Deb Villas Unexcused Absences: Gail Sieglaff

Call to Order & Approval of Agenda: Brianna called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. and called for the review and approval of the agenda. SLight change to order of new action items- by switching the two around. After looking over the minutes/agenda, a MOTION was made by Cindy and SECONDED by Joanna to approve the minutes and agenda. MOTION CARRIED.

Opening Devotion: Pastor Christine lead a discussion of Luke 5: 4-11

Welcoming New Council Members- New members introduced themselves, followed by council members to introduce themselves, lasting until 6:37 p.m.

Ministry Site Profile Discussion: Pastor Christine led the Council in discussing the first question, where members were asked to note answers about our community. This is the first step in moving forward in developing a Ministry Site Profile for our Congregation They were collected and completed by 6:57 p.m.

Secretary's Report: Brianna called for a review of the January 14th, 2025 Minutes. The Minutes were accepted as presented and filed. (Holly read the correspondence consisting of 4 thank you notes to the Church, at later point in meeting)

Treasurer's and Finance Reports: Jeff, on behalf of Deb Villas, presented and reviewed the financial reports, accepting any questions that arose. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented and filed by 7:12 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS: OLD BUSINESS

Brianna gave an update on securing more estimates from other companies to do the Church Pictorial Directory. She explained needing to get more information to compare Harmon Studios with Memories. Will return with more information at the March meeting.

Contemporary Service: Concern over small number of responses (between 15-16) from the first survey from congregation, led council to discuss providing more questions to

the church membership. Much discussion followed regarding; getting more detailed information on what is needed (music interface) IT/electronically to provide music and words to view, possibly getting a Music Team/Committee for building a Music Team of interested/talented people. Discussion ended with looking into a survey for a Contemporary Worship Team (development) ended by 7:39 p.m.

** Holly read the correspondence from 7:40- 7:42 p.m.,

Air Conditioners: Tabled until March 2025 (Property Committee)

ACTION ITEMS– NEW BUSINESS

Review Committee Descriptions- Brianna read through each committee's functions/responsibilities, and asked the chairs, if present, to approve current descriptions. The Property Committee wanted a clarification on the wording of decorating vs. aesthetics, in their responsibilities. Brianna then asked if any of the new members would like to consider what committee they want to join. (ended by 8:15 p.m.)

There was a brief discussion about the Youth Rep. duties, and a possible report to council, if they attend any functions, and activities.

REPORTS:

Youth & Family Ministry: As written; emailed and in packet by Patti

President: Brianna thanked members for their service, discussed her key goals in the Pastoral search, fundraising and church goals, as she is beginning her role as President.

Committee Reports: Representatives of the following committees reported on recent projects and activities: Little Lutherans; Fellowship- Tuesday, March 18th at 6:00 p.m., there will be Lucky Bingo- wear green/prizes will be given; Outreach- The Souper Bowl collected 160 cans of soup, and reported on the Valentine's Cards and Easter Baskets that will be mailed or given out; Property- met on Feb. 10th; light was out at top of the stairs, and Drees came to fix it, carpet seam that was discussed, flipped breaker- fixed issue, temperature check of church ovens found them to be within range, it was discussed to get specifications and capacity for possible oven models; Visitation Team meeting next week.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Christine submitted her report as written. PLans for lenten

services were discussed, and the possibility of a 10:00 a.m. Lenten Services at Emmanuel. Jeremy made a MOTION to pay a musician for the 5 Wednesdays, SECONDED by James, MOTION CARRIED.

Pastor Christine discussed Lutheran World Relief (LWR) and doing a church collection during Lent and setting a goal giving people options, and information online to view LWR fundraiser information. One of the places mentioned was Sober Living Services (Home for recovering women) here in Menominee as a recipient of the LWR Lenten goals. Jeremy made a MOTION to do the LWR fundraiser during Lenten offering initiative, SECONDED by Allyson, MOTION CARRIED.

Adjournment:

Jeremy made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting, SECONDED by Cindy, MOTION CARRIED, at 8:47 p.m. The meeting concluded with a prayer led by Pastor Christine and the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Bayerl
Council Secretary