

Minutes of the March 8, 2022 Congregation Council Meeting

Present: Pastor Mark Laatsch, President Matt Vanni, Vice-President Linda Davis, Secretary Terrie Porras, Stacy Hansen, Jeff Hines, Jeremy Sallgren, Jim Briar, Chris Nelson, Gail Sieglaff, Cindy Smith, Bill Taccolini, Kaden Starzynski.

Absent: Betty Kohrt

Present to Report: Patti Treptow, Judy Raygo, Treasurer Debbie Villas

Meeting Called to Order: at 6:10pm by President Matt Vanni. Matt called for review and approval of agenda. Stacy motioned to approve, Gail seconded, motion carried.

Opening Devotion: Pastor Mark read from Matthew chapter 23 and Max Lucado's book "No Wonder they call Him the Savior". He closed with prayer.

Secretary's Report: Matt called for review and approval of the 02/08/22 minutes. Bill motioned to approve the minutes, Cindy seconded, motion carried. There were no correspondences.

Youth Advisory Council Report: Kaden reported they met Ash Wednesday, had dinner and attended church together. Will be doing volunteer work at the Menominee Animal Shelter. A suggestion was made to hold a collection and donate supplies to the shelter. Will hold a pancake fundraiser on Palm Sunday. Money is being raised for a mission trip.

Treasurer and Finance Committee Report: Debbie presented and reviewed financial reports. \$8,650.15 from The Trust of Ardyce Wells was received. The Finance Committee recommends it be deposited into the Long-Term Maintenance Fund. Cindy motioned to approve this recommendation, Gail seconded, motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS: Old Business – where we've been.

Bulletin Sponsorship: Stacy reported there has been a delay. Issues with printers needed to be worked out. Thank you to Mike Bellisle for helping with this. Scott Nerat will make proof, Keith Plude will print inserts. Stacy has submitted 3 proof changes to Scott. Keith (Larry) Plude will donate 1,000 inserts. Thank you, Keith! New goal is to have inserts in bulletins starting Sunday 4/3/22.

Reports – where we are

Youth & Family Ministry Director: Patti presented her report as written. Thank you, Patti!

President's Report: Matt shared that we are all interconnected; we work together as team! He encouraged new council members to get involved and use their unique skills to better our team. When you get involved, he said, you also meet a lot of people and make new friends. It's a good feeling.

Committee Reports

Youth: Stacy reported their 2/27 sledding activity at Water Tower Park went well. It was attended by 10 kids. There were a few minor accidents. The weather was great! After sledding, they headed back to church and enjoyed ice cream sundaes and hot cocoas. They meet next Sunday to start planning Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday activities.

Learning: Bill reported they will meet the end of next month (April).

Endowment: Jeff reported they have not met. Pastor added we received thank you correspondences from NGLS and Lutheran Refugee Services.

Fellowship: Terrie reported they met today. Having lower attendance at Holy Grounds coffee fellowship when it is held in the Fellowship Hall (15) then when held in the Narthex (35). Will continue to monitor. Issue is less places to sit in Narthex. Patti shared she could put 3 round tables in the Narthex for extra seating. Terrie will bring suggestion to committee. Fellowship committee will host 4/24 coffee, looking at having a musician perform during the hour. Patti reminded that there are left over pastries in the freezer to be used at coffee hour. Looking at Sunday, 5/15 for the next Paint and Potluck. Fellowship hall is available on the calendar, need to check artist availability.

Human Resources: Pastor reported they have not met.

Memorial: Cindy reported they received \$240 in memory of Donna Bayerl for flowers around the digital sign and \$45 in memory of Barb Smith for the education fund. \$560.72 was used from the Avis Barofsky memorial fund for a camera case and holder for our new streaming camera that we use to Live Stream our 8am worships services on Facebook.

Outreach: Terrie reported the "Super Bowl of Caring" went well and a large donation was made to the St. Vincent De Paul food pantry. They were very appreciative for the donation. Will meet on Sunday, 3/27 to plan and start work on Easter Baskets for shut-ins. Baskets will be put together on Palm Sunday and delivered soon after.

Policy & Procedure (P&P): Pastor reported they met. New policy to be reviewed by council at April meeting.

Property: Jeremy reported they met last Thursday; **1.** Stained glass window over 13th street entrance, is out for repairs. **2.** Leo Barker is working on repairs to mosaic window facing 13th street (back of old choir loft). **3.** Received two bids (see attached) for flooring replacement (both 13th and 14th street entry areas and steps leading up to Narthex). Recommend we approve the Badker bid as it is more complete and a better price. Mr. Chad Badker is known to us as he put in all of the new flooring downstairs and did a good job. After much discussion, **Motion** made by Bill to accept Badker bid and proceed with replacement of flooring, Linda seconded, motion passed. **4.** Oven repair update – waiting for Hank’s Refrigeration to get back to us on expected time to receive part needed. Goal is to have oven repaired no later than 3 months from now. If it is going to take longer, will look at other options such as replacing Oven. Have events coming up, i.e., VBS cooking, Meatball Supper, and will need an oven. Judy commented our stove/oven is very old, it was here when she joined in 1977!

Stewardship: Jeff reported they have not met.

Worship: Pastor reported they will be meeting in two weeks to plan for Easter.

Pastor’s Report: Pastor presented his report as written.

ACTION ITEMS: New Business – where we are going

Other: Gail asked about AED training class. Linda will email training dates.

Long Term Project/Goals – Holy Grounds Coffee Fellowship (see Fellowship Committee report above)

President Matt adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m. on a **motion** by Stacy, seconded by Linda, motion carried. Pastor Mark closed with a prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Terrie Porras, Council Secretary