

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 10, 2023, CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEETING

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

Call to Order: Matt called the meeting to order at 6:06.

Agenda Approval: Matt called for review and approval of the Agenda. Jeremy made a MOTION to approve the Agenda, SECONDED by Jeff, MOTION CARRIED.

Opening Devotion: Pastor Christine led the Council in a reading and discussion of Ezekiel 37 followed by prayer.

Secretary's Report: Matt called for review and approval of the Minutes of the September 12, 2023, Council meeting. Cindy made a MOTION to approve the Minutes, SECONDED by Gail, MOTION CARRIED.

Treasurer's/Finance Committee Report: Debbie reviewed the Financial Reports and noted that the checking account balance is lower than usual. She asked for approval to move \$5,000 from the Swanson fund into checking if necessary. Jeremy made a MOTION to transfer \$5,000, SECONDED by Jeff, MOTION CARRIED. Deb also reminded committee reps that 2024 budgets will be due soon, preferably before the next meeting.

ACTION ITEMS: OLD BUSINESS

Meatball Supper: Terrie updated Council on plans for the meatball supper to be held on Thursday, October 26th.

2024 Council Officers: Terrie reminded Council members that we need volunteers to serve as officers for next year.

REPORTS

Youth & Family Ministry Director's Report: Patti presented her report as written. Patti presented the names of six confirmation candidates for Council approval: Elizabeth Aichner; Eli Camps; Jackson Raygo; Travis Rod; Reese Sallgren; and Emma Stewart. Terrie made a MOTION to approve the confirmation of these six young people, SECONDED by Jim, MOTION CARRIED.

President's Report: Matt noted the upcoming December Council potluck.

Youth Committee (Little Lutherans): Patti distributed a Calendar of Events for the 2023-2024 program year.

Learning Committee: (Patti) Did not meet.

Endowment Committee: Jeff reported that the committee met on October 3rd to determine the proposed allocation and distribution of certain monetary donations that are outside of the congregational operating budget. The proposed annual distribution is set forth in the Endowment Fund Committee Meeting report in Council's packet.

Fellowship Committee: Joanna reported that the committee met prior to the Council meeting to discuss upcoming activities and requested Council's input on whether Emmanuel will be hosting the pie social after the Thanksgiving Eve service. After discussion it was determined that the pie social will be held at Emmanuel. Also, Rally Day attendance was significantly lower than expected this year resulting in a substantial amount of unused meat and buns. It was noted that the picnic was scheduled at the same time as a Packer game, which should be avoided in the future if possible.

Human Resources Committee: Did not meet.

Memorial Committee: Cindy presented the report as written.

Outreach Committee: Joanna reported that the committee met on September 19th to discuss the 23/24 planning calendar, which Patti distributed to Council. In addition to the activities and projects set forth on the calendar, the committee decided to begin giving small poinsettias and Christmas cards to our shut-ins in December and gifts to our high school graduates.

Policy and Procedure Committee: Did not meet.

Property: Did not meet.

Stewardship Committee: Deb reported on the progress of the stewardship campaign.

Worship Committee: Did not meet.

Vision Team (Faithful Innovations): As noted in Pastor Christine's written report, the team attended its second of three training sessions at Fortune Lake on September 23rd.

Visitation Team: Pastor Christine reported that the team has begun to make visits.

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

ACTION ITEMS: NEW BUSINESS

Budget Updates in Messenger: After discussion it was decided that, in order to keep the Congregation aware of Emmanuel's financial status, monthly budget updates will now be included in The Messenger.

ADJOURNMENT

Jeremy made a MOTION to adjourn, SECONDED by Matt, MOTION CARRIED. The meeting concluded at 7:58 with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanna Magrane, Council Secretary