

## Church Council Minutes August 6, 2023

Present: Lois, Pastor Tulu, Orrin, Evie, Connie

Absent: Deb, Ashley, Joel

Council Vice-President Orrin called the meeting to order at 11:03am. Pastor opened the meeting with prayer. No formal decisions were made due to lack of a quorum.

### A. Consent Agenda

Motion: Evie recommended accepting the Agenda and May Minutes as written.

Second: Connie agreed with the recommendation.

Discussion: none

Action: No vote due lack of quorum.

### B. Financial Reports

Motion: Connie recommended accepting the Financial Report as written.

Second: Evie agreed with the recommendation.

Discussion: Giving during the month of July was less than in July 2022, however, cumulative profit/loss at this time of year for July 2022 was (-\$16,977.26) versus July 2023 (-\$9,611.14).

There is one last outstanding bill left on the elevator repair, otherwise all other expenses on this project have been paid. There are about \$21,000 remaining in the Elevator Fund and about \$6,800 remaining in the Debt Reduction Fund. Orrin will send Council members via email a motion to formally approve putting these two remaining funds toward the principle of the Mission Investment Fund, thereby decreasing the loan interest paid by the Church.

Action: Pending

### C. Additions to the Agenda

none

### D. Old Business

- 1) Inactive membership reactivation: Updating church membership is in process and will hopefully be completed in the next month. Definition of "membership" is guided by Synod mandates and our congregation's Constitution. Outreach to inactive members will occur at that time.
- 2) Church Directory: Jill has agreed to take photos of individuals and families on Rally Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> and on Sundays thereafter according to Jill's availability. Connie will assist as needed.
- 3) Church BBQ: This has been rescheduled to Rally Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. Connie will reach out to parties for their assistance.
- 4) Adult Bible Study: A survey is available to members to complete on what time and day of the week would be most convenient to attend a Bible Study led by Pastor Tulu. Please consider attending and sharing your scheduling preferences.

### E. New Business

- 1) Pastor's Report: Guest speaker Pastor Pete Schiefelbein was well received recently at Sunday service. Three students will be confirmed Reformation Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Tulu will meet with them September 17<sup>th</sup> to plan for that date. Confirmation begins September 13<sup>th</sup>; there are about 18 students in this class. VBS begins this next week at Bethel Lutheran.

- 2) Vice President's Report: Orrin, Pastor Tulu and Lois will look at current committees to see if restructuring is needed. Orrin will contact Personnel Committee members about completing employee reviews. Council will review our congregation's Mission Statement.
  - 3) Property Update: Scott met with Tri-Corne and although all equipment works, there has been feedback that some problems still exist. Orrin will contact Scott to see if anything more can be done.
  - 4) Mission Update: About \$325 has been raised for the July/August Luther Crest Mission. Our quilters donated 20+ quilts which Evie and Gary brought to Michael's Mission (formally called Church's United). Five people have volunteered to be "Pray-ers" on the Prayer Chain. They will meet in the next month or so.
  - 5) Youth Education Report: No report
  - 6) Financial Update: No further information
  - 7) Worship Update: The format for Wednesday and Sunday bulletins will change in the next couple weeks.
- F. Church Pulse: A couple interesting church leadership education opportunities discussed. The **next Council meeting** will be held after church on **September 10th** in Fellowship Hall.
- G. Closing Prayer: Pastor Tulu lead Council in the Lord's Prayer.
- H. Adjournment: Council adjourned at 12:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Connie Jensen  
Secretary