

Church Council Meeting
July 12, 2022
7:00 pm in the Luther Room

Present: Pastor Ale Tulu, Jill Ockhardt Blaufuss, Teresa Pearson, Lois Fenske, Joel Herder, Kennedy Niska, Orrin Ausen, Deb Berndt and Connie Jensen over the phone.

Absent: Ashley Johnson

- A. President Jill called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
- B. Pastor Ale opened the meeting with devotions reminding us that from the time this church was founded people worked hard to make it a special place for all and we need to carry on this mission. He shared 1st John v 1. He noted how special it is to be part of new beginnings, we have a special pride and ownership. Jesus became part of our lives through salvation, we need to not settle for less.
- C. Consent Agenda:
 1. Minutes:
 - a. June Council Meeting minutes were handed out at the meeting.
 2. Financial Reports: Financial reports for June 2022 were handed out. They included a Profit and Loss Statement for the month , a Profit and Loss Statement for the first 6 months of 2022 and a Balance Sheet dated June 30, 2022, which were handed out to all members present.
 - a. Motion: A motion was made by Orrin to approve the minutes and the financials as presented.
 - b. Second: The motion was seconded by Teresa.
 - c. Action: The motion was passed with no opposition.
- D. Old Business:
- E. New Business:
 1. Pastor's Report –
 - Pastor Ale reported that he had just completed his continuing education at Mt Carmel where he has attended most of his career.
 - Ray Trower passed away; Rene performed the service at the funeral home.
 - Glenn Rakow is in the hospital in Fargo after having a stroke. Clark has gone to visit and Pastor will take Dorothy one day soon.
 2. President's Report
 - i. Roy Marohl / Checklist Maintenance (1 hr/week) – After visiting with Teresa, Jill determined that most of the items on Roy's list of duties were already being completed and had been absorbed by Teresa. She had sent out an email during the month asking the Council to rescind the motion made last month to hire Roy. We did discuss asking Roy if he would be a backup for Jim Grawe. We also discussed the need to have a chairman of the Property committee and asked that person be the voice to the Council.
 - ii. Ethiopian Night
 - a. Check if September is an option to use the Wahpeton Rec center. Pastor stated that His wife Sunny and his sister would be available on September 17th and 24th. We did talk about possibly having the event at the church if the Rec center is not available with some people eating upstairs some downstairs and the entertainment to happen in the sanctuary.
 - iii. Chili Cookoff – Tentatively set for November 19, 2022 at the Church from 4:00 pm until 7:00 pm. We need to determine how many roasters we can have plugged in, asking Julie Aigner or Janel Butts if they run into any problems during the Meatball dinner.
 - iv. Sponsor Gun Raffle for Bruce Bontjes – The people who are setting up the gun raffle have approached the Church about using the Church's non-profit status. Council members were

- concerned that this might not be a good thing to have associated with the church and someone suggested maybe the Head of the Red Shooting Range would be able to help.
- v. Soon-to-be open position of Music Director as this is Kennedy's last Council Meeting with us. Kennedy reported that the accompanists were scheduled through November. Potential candidates were possibly one of the new music teachers just hired, a woman named Heidi Bouressa and Kay Nelson was also suggested. Deb volunteered to contact Kay first.
3. Building Committee – Otis's quote for removal of the jack and the contaminated soil was ½ the amount of Schindler. The only difference is that they will not dispose of the contaminated soil but will help us find someplace to go with it. The Insurance company has stated that they can not make a determination of any payment they may be able to provide to fix the situation. They feel because there was not any PVC pipe around the shaft then the problem is more than likely a result of normal wear and tear and they would not be responsible for helping with any of the costs. The bottom line is whether we replace the Jack or not it has to be removed and the contaminated soil disposed of. Lois will make some calls to determine if we can abandon an elevator shaft. Otis has stated that they will not touch the elevator unless we replace the shaft. They worry about any potential problems removing it may cause to the building. We wondered if we should have a special committee formed to determine the options available. Jill will contact Shelly Conzemius who is an architect. We will have a Congregational meeting for a brain storming session and to make a recommendation of the alternative we should present to the Congregation for a vote. The property Committee has ordered three new wall air conditioners which are supposed to be put in on Thursday or Friday. The gutters are supposed to be added on the following Thursday. We discussed changing the Luther room into a fellowship area and asking the boys at Valley Ranch to help move the heavier items. There is a small wedding scheduled at the Church on July 23rd, they will need to use the Church on Friday and Saturday. Teresa also reported that they are planning to remove all the pavers and perennials around the Church because they need to regrade around the building.
4. Youth Education Update – Upcoming activities.
- i. Pool Party (8/10/22)
 - ii. Summer worship service (8/24/22)
 - iii. Headwaters Parade (9/10/22)
 - iv. Rally Wednesday (9/14/22)
- F. Closing Prayer
- G. Adjournment – Jill called for a motion to adjourn the meeting
- a. Motion – Orrin made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
 - b. Second – Kennedy seconded the motion.
 - c. Action – The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by,
Debra Berndt