

Church Council Minutes
July 9, 2023

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

Absent: Ashley, Joel

Council Vice-President Orrin called the meeting to order at 10:35am. Pastor opened the meeting with prayer.

A. Consent Agenda

Motion: Evie made the motion to accept the Agenda as outlined.

Second: Connie seconded the motion.

Discussion: none

Action: carried

B. May Council Minutes and Financial Reports

Motion: Deb made the motion to accept the May Council Minutes and Financial reports as written.

Second: Evie seconded the motion.

Discussion: There is a balance of \$84, 313 due on the Mission Investment loan.

Action: carried

C. Additions to the Agenda

none

D. Old Business

1) Inactive membership reactivation: Choices were made of several postcard designs which Lois will print. Council members will each take a group of family names to personally send out postcards encouraging them to attend church and participate in the church picnic and directory photo shoot.

2) Church Directory: Jill will be available to take photos of families on Rally Sunday, September 13th.

3) SAM: We are waiting for a letter of acknowledgement from the Synod indicating their approval for Rene and Clark to be SAM authorized.

a) Motion: Orrin made a motion that we continue to follow the NWMN Synod recommendation of paying Rene or Clark \$150 for the first service and \$50 for each additional service in a week when they provide ministerial support.

Second: Evie seconded the motion.

Discussion: none

Action: carried

4) Sell & Donate Auction: Lois reported that as of July 5th, \$990 has been raised which will be put toward our Mission Debt Reduction. Lois will make a flyer of what is available; items are available for viewing in the office next to Lois.' Orrin will provide a Temple Talk next Sunday on this.

5) Church BBQ: This is set for after church August 20th. Connie will make phone calls to make food arrangements.

E. New Business

1) Pastor's Report: There are about 3 students in Confirmation this year. Rene plans to attend the WELCA Annual Convention September 9th in Thief River Falls. Three students are attending

- VBS at Bethel the first week of August. We will have a guest speaker Sunday July 16th, Pastor Pete Schiefelbein, Pastor Tulu's internship supervisor when he was in Grafton.
- 2) Vice President's Report: Discussion is in process about Pastor Tulu providing an adult Bible Study.
 - 3) Property Update: Evie reported that the sewer line repair bill has not yet been received; other projects such as power washing the church and purchasing the TV for announcements are on hold. Lois will arrange training with Tricorne for those interested in learning how to operate the electronic broadcasting system.
 - 4) Mission Update: Connie stated that about \$95 has been raised for Kinship, June's Mission. Luther Crest is the July and August Mission. She met with Lois, Deb and Jill in May to discuss evangelism ideas and several possibilities are being considered. There is a Prayer Chain being developed and thus far there has been good response from volunteers interested in being involved.
 - 5) Youth Education Report: No report
 - 6) Financial Update: No further information
 - 7) Worship Update: Songs and liturgy have been decided for several Sundays. The Sunday bulletin format will undergo changes including discontinuation of the Celebrate insert. It is less expensive to contract with Sundays and Seasons for the same scripture passages which will then be incorporated into the new layout of the bulletin.
- F. Church Pulse: The **next Council meeting** will be held after church on **August 6th** in Fellowship Hall.
- G. Closing Prayer: Pastor Tulu lead Council in the Lord's Prayer.
- H. Adjournment: Deb made the motion to adjourn, Evie seconded the motion. Motion carried. Council adjourned at 11:40am.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Jensen
Secretary