

Church Council Minutes
May 21, 2023

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

Absent: Deb

Council Vice-President Orrin called the meeting to order at 10:45am. Pastor opened the meeting with prayer.

A. Consent Agenda

Motion: Orrin made the motion to accept the April minutes as written.

Second: Ashley seconded the motion.

Discussion: none

Action: carried

B. Financial Reports

Motion: Joel made the motion to accept the April Financial reports as written.

Second: Evie seconded the motion.

Discussion: none

Action: carried

C. Additions to the Agenda

none

D. Old Business

1) Large screen TV for entrance: Purchase of the TV was delayed due to the unexpected sewer line break. Lois plans to pick up a TV as agreed upon at the April Council meeting.

2) Inactive Member Reactivation: Letters of invite are underway.

3) Council Dinner: Council dinner is scheduled for 6:30pm June 8 at the City Brew.

4) Pictorial Directory: Jill has agreed to be our photographer for the directory. It is hoped to be launched on Rally Wednesday September 13th.

5) SAM: A letter needs to be sent to the Northwest Synod requesting authorization for Rene and Clark to provide sacraments, pastoral services and care as Synodically Authenticated Ministers per ELCA guidelines.

Motion: Connie made the motion to send the SAM request to the NW Synod.

Second: Joel seconded the motion.

Discussion: none

Action: carried

6) Sell and Donate Auction: About \$600 has been generated toward the Mission Debt Reduction.

E. New Business

1) Pastor's Report: The Confirmation and Wednesday School schedules are winding down. Pastor plans to meet with next fall's 10th graders as they prepare for Confirmation. There are about 3 students in the group. Rene and Pastor plan to attend the Synod Gathering in Fergus Falls.

2) Vice President's Report: Orrin applied grass seed, fertilizer and weed-kill in the front of the church; plants will need to be added at some point. Discussion continues on how to increase membership and youth involvement.

3) Property Update: Evie reported sewer line has been repaired but there may need to be more work in the future as the line is aged. The State will again inspect the elevator once the fire

- alarm wiring is complete. The echoing sound during broadcasts seems to have been alleviated. The committee is looking at washing the exterior of the church in such a way that the stucco isn't damaged.
- 4) Mission Update: Connie stated that about \$250 has been raised thus far for Valley Lake Boy's Home, the May Mission. Kinship will be recognized in June. She plans to meet with Deb, Jill and Lois to discuss evangelism ideas.
 - 5) Youth Education Report: Joel reported that the committee has discussed ways to incorporate the youth into Faith, Care and Share. A trip to Valley Fair is planned for June 9th and a Pool Party is set for August 2nd or August 9th. There was a meeting with parents of youth interested in attending the National Youth Gathering to be held in New Orleans. VBS is set for the first week of August at Bethel. Activities around Headwaters are being considered.
 - 6) Financial Update: Questions about donating Facebook/garage sale profits to the Mission Debt Reduction can be directed to Orrin or Jill.
 - 7) Worship Update: The committee has made plans for summer worship.
- F. Church Pulse: Interest was expressed on scheduling a trip to a Twins game. Evie will make some inquiries. There will be a Potluck Picnic after an outside worship service on Sunday, August 20th. Details to come. There will be no Council meeting in June. The next Council meeting will be held after church on July 9th in Fellowship Hall.
- G. Closing Prayer: Pastor Tulu lead Council in the Lord's Prayer.
- H. Adjournment: Joel made the motion to adjourn, Ashley seconded the motion. Motion carried. Council adjourned at 11:50am.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Jensen
Secretary