

St. Luke's Lutheran Church Council Meeting
7595 Center Pkwy, Sacramento, CA 95823
August 21, 2018

Present: President Paul Maki, Treasurer Bob Behr, Pastor Carl Hoppman, Secretary Merle Zbrog, Faith Thomas (Community Concerns), Peggy Moser (Worship and Music), Carole Vance (Evangelism), Laura Tice (Youth Board Co-chair), Clarence Korhonen (for Kelly Boyer: Property Board) David Saxby (Finance Board).

Absent: Vice President Larry Dockter, Lauren Orcutt (Education), Samantha Basquez (Youth Board Co-chair), Marlene Kiser (W-ELCA).

Call to Order: Having reached a quorum, the meeting was called to order by President Paul Maki at 7:02 pm Pacific Time.

Pastor Hoppman opened with prayer.

David Saxby read the mission statement:

Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we accept God's call to spread the good news, serve those in need, and share the victory of Jesus Christ throughout the world.

Approval of Minutes: A draft copy of the minutes was e-mailed to all council members to review before the meeting. Changes were made as suggested by council via e-mail.

- MOTION made by Peggy Moser to approve the July 2018 minutes as written; seconded by Carole Vance.

Motion carried.

Presentation of Reports

The following reports were presented and received with appreciation by the Council as information:

Pastoral Report: *Written report on file.*

- Sunday's presentation by Sean Lyons was inspiring and aligned itself with the summer study on "Spirit Empowered Witnessing." Sean was invited to return in a year to give us an update.
- Celebrated the quinceañera for Isabella Basquez.
- Confirmation class is scheduled to begin this fall and so far there are over 5 registered.
- As a result of the aggressive nature of the homeless population around the church, the office door will remain locked during business hours. Food distribution has been temporarily suspended. We will continue to collect food for the Elk Grove Food Closet.
- Pastor Hoppman will be on vacation August 22 – September 5, returning for choir rehearsal. In his absence, Pastor Ron Zoesche will lead worship and handle pastoral emergencies.

Treasurer's Report: *Written report on file.*

- i. July was a good month. Income exceeded expenses as we received monies from facility usage (voting and Visions). Refuse is back to the anticipated amount. Water usage is up, but that's normal for this time of year.
- ii. Loose cash was more than budgeted.
- iii. August offerings are off to a slow start.
- iv. Education money designated for ELCA Good Gifts has not been spent.
 - ✚ President Paul Maki stated he would email Lauren.

From the Secretary:

Thanks to Karen Linfor who stepped in as acting secretary in Merle Zbrog's absence.

In an effort to be more responsible stewards, it was suggested members will no longer receive a hard copy of the minutes. Members are welcome to print a copy of the minutes themselves.

Minutes will continue to be distributed via email to all council members and a copy of the minutes will be posted on the bulletin board and posted on the church website. It was agreed that the Treasurer's Report and the minutes will be distributed electronically only on a trial basis. We will revisit the practice at a later date.

Security Actions:

The church office door will be locked on Sundays. Bell choir must ensure the door is locked after leaving.

For the safety of the children, it was agreed that the lead Sunday School teacher will pull the double doors closed once the children are inside the Education wing and the classroom door will be closed.

For the safety of the children, any children needing to leave the sanctuary to use the restroom during worship service must be accompanied by an adult.

- ✚ Paul Maki said he would drop Lauren a note to this effect. All teachers will need keys.
- ✚ This new policy should be written, reviewed, and distributed to teachers and parents.

RE: Sunday School

Peggy Moser mentioned again that she needs a Sunday School helper – one who can accompany children to the restroom during class.

It was mentioned that one of the Sunday School rooms has no air conditioning. It is set for winter.

- ✚ **Property Board** was asked to check the Sunday School rooms to see if the thermostat is set for AC now. It was suggested they check twice a year to ensure the air conditioning and the heating are working properly.

Church Website:

There are many exciting fall events to advertise on our church website.

The intent of the posts on the church website is outreach. It was clarified that when committee chairs post on the church website, they are to consider nonmembers as the audience.

It was noted that the Education page is “under construction.”

- ✚ Committee chairs should have the website updated before the September meeting.

Committee and Board Reports:

Finance Board: *Written report on file.* David Saxby mentioned that budgets are due for the September council meeting.

Community Concerns Board: *Written report on file.* Faith Thomas highlighted the following points:

- 122 backpacks were distributed to Parkway and Charles Mack Elementary Schools.
- *Share-a-Sole* has a tentative date of October 10 at Charles Mack Elementary School.
- Flyers advertising *Trunk or Treat* will be taken door to door.
- *Sock Drive* bin is in the Choir loft.
- Paul Maki made a sign for the Children’s Clothing Closet.
- More information on Elk Grove Helping Hands will be given at the next meeting.
https://www.facebook.com/pg/Elk-Grove-Helping-Hands-2240063919344415/about/?ref=page_internal

Education Board: *no report*

Evangelism Board: *Written report on file.* Carole Vance highlighted the following points:

- Volunteers are needed to BBQ at the church picnic September 16.
- Volunteers are needed to set up tables and canopies September 15.
- Those wishing to attend the picnic should sign up.

Property Board: *Written report on file.* Clarence Korhonen highlighted the following points:

#6(b) Sewer Cleanout

- MOTION made by Clarence Korhonen requesting authorization for the Property Board to proceed to hire a contractor to locate, repair, and clean existing sewer cleanout from the church sanctuary bathroom to Center Parkway and/or if necessary to install a new cleanout for an additional cost not to exceed \$2,000.00 Moved: Pastor Hoppman. Seconded by David Saxby.
Motion carried.

Worship and Music Board: *Written report on file.* Peggy Moser highlighted the following points:

- **Luau** – Scheduled for September 22
- Pastor Ron Zoesche will lead worship and handle pastoral emergencies while Pastor Hoppman is on vacation for two weeks.
- Next month the committee will begin Advent preparations.

Youth Board: *No written report submitted.*

- Laura Tice mentioned that the *Congregational Camp Out* will be held Friday, September 28 and culminate with breakfast Saturday, September 29.
- Laura Tice asked about the process of replenishing funding and was told the request for funds should be presented to the budget committee.
- The youth would like to replenish their funds by holding spaghetti feed fundraiser, but they are also wanting to give back to the community. Several suggestions were offered to Laura Tice by council members.
- The Mount Cross experience was wonderful and exhausting. One service project in which the group participated was to fill 40 cars with a total of 2,000 grocery bags of food. This project inspired the students to help their community, and Paul Maki suggested contacting Elk Grove Food Bank.

W-ELCA: *No written report submitted.*

- W-ELCA was thanked for setting up tables and arranging the summer Bible Study Potluck dinners.
- The September meeting will be at Logan's Roadhouse.
- Fall Festival meetings are underway.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 pm Pacific Time with the Lord's Prayer.

A discussion was held after the meeting regarding the October Council meeting.

✚ **Mark Your Calendar:** The October meeting will begin at **6:30 pm** and include dinner. A signup sheet will be distributed at the September meeting for breads, salads, and desserts.

Respectfully submitted,

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