

Council Meeting Minutes

January 17, 2023

Minutes Approved

February 21, 2023

Amended March 21, 2023

Marlene Kiser

Meeting Called to Order at 6:03 PM by Chet Madison

Opening Prayer was provided by Pastor Brian Hiortdahl.

Present: Chet Madison; Peggy Moser; Pastor Brian Hiortdahl; Kirsten Ireton; Marlene Kiser; Shirley Prouty; Cathy Davis; Linda Duffek; Laura Tice; Clarence Korhonen, Carole Vance; Faith Thomas; Punky Dias

Absent: Paul Maki

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes:

The November 15, 2022, Council Meeting Minutes, November 20, 2022, Special Congregation Meeting Minutes, and December 11, 2022 Congregation Meeting Minutes were accepted with no corrections needed. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Kirsten Ireton; seconded by Linda Duffek. Motion passed unanimously.

Council Meeting Time Change:

A discussion of the change in the Council Meeting time to 6:00PM took place, but it was agreed that the time change was acceptable. Paul Maki did indicate that he would have issue with attending, but that Kirsten Ireton agreed to report for him if needed.

Board Reports:

Finance - Treasurer's/Special Funds/Financial Secretary – November & December Reports to Council.

- Treasurer report provided by Kirsten Ireton.
- No questions were raised.

Pastor's Report:

- Pastor's report provided by Pastor Brian Hiortdahl.
- No questions were raised.

Property – December & January Report emailed to Council.

- Clarence Korhonen provided a overview of the report.
- Action item: Clarence provided a report on the need for an approval from the Council for the \$2500.00 being requested for the removal of the Italian Cypress that fell during the January Storm. The estimated cost was \$1500.00 but the Property Board was requesting \$2500.00 to cover other possible clean up needed from the storm and the grinding of the stump of the Italian Cypress. A motion was made **as a declared "emergency situation"** to take the \$2500.00 from the Special Reserve Fund by Kirsten Ireton, and 2nd by Peggy Moser. Motion passed unanimously. **The amendment was made to the approved minutes on March 21, 2023.**
- No further questions asked.

Worship & Music – December verbal report to Council & January Report emailed to Council.

- Worship & Music Board normally do not meet in December, but Pastor Brain Hiortdahl requested the Board to meet. The meeting took place on December 10, 2022, to review the any service needs or changes.

- Shirley Prouty provided an overview of the January 4, 2023, meeting, with a discussion on how St. Luke's will be celebrating February Black History Month. Pastor Brian is working on providing guidance on how members can contribute to the services during the month.
- No further questions asked.

Community Concerns – January Report emailed to Council.

- Linda Duffek provided an overview of the January meeting.
- A discussion about the Lenten Soup Suppers took place, Carol Vance reported that Evangelism had worked on the schedule for which board is responsible for the soup suppers each week of Lent:

Ash Wednesday: W-ELCA

Wednesday, March 1st: Council

Wednesday, March 8th: Evangelism & Community Concern

Wednesday, March 15th: Worship & Music, and the Choir

Wednesday, March 22nd: Property, Education and Youth

Wednesday, March 29th: Congregation

Set-up for the dinner is to take place at 5:30PM Wednesday evening. Supper is from 6:00 – 6:30PM, and the service will be from 6:30 – 7:00 PM.

Pastor Brian reported that there will be a 5-week series based on the Parable of the Sheep and Goats, Mathew 25: 31 – 46, for the Lenten services.

- No further questions asked.

Education – No Meeting / No Report

- Laura Tice had reported that there had been no meeting.
- Request by Council that there be a meeting planned and invite any interested teachers to teach Sunday School.

Youth – No Meeting / No Report

- Faith Thomas reported there was no meeting.
- A short discussion occurred on how we can bring more young people back to church.
- Discussion occurred also on making the church feel more family friendly, example make the Overflow room more friendly for young families to use during the service.

Evangelism – December Report emailed to Council.

- Carole Vance provided an overview of the meeting.
- Refreshments will return every Sunday after church if there are sign-ups for that week.
- Pastor Brian's Installation – Sunday, February 5th, 2023, at 4PM. February 3rd is set-up for potluck dinner to take place after installation service. Sign-up sheet for potluck to be available in narthex.
- No Easter Breakfast planned for this year, but there will be available before service coffee, juice, and water along with bagels, muffins, and fruit.

WELCA – Verbal Report on January Meeting

- Verbal Report provided by Punky Dias.
- Benevolence distribution of \$4278.00; and W-ELCA Calendar's distributed at meeting.

- Peggy Moser reported on the Soul Stitchers donations. The current report, by Dorothy Haney includes the numbers donated since the Soul Stitchers started but will be providing donations per year going forward.
- No further questions were asked.

Action Items:

A. County Election Board Facility Usage:

Chet Madison brought to the Council the request by the County Election Board to use the facility in 2024 for elections. It was determined that this is not a action that needs to be approved by the Council Members. This is a Facility Usage concern. It was reported that Pastor Brian, Linda Duffek and Alison Korhonen would be having a meeting the next day, January 18, 2023, about the handling of the Facility Usage.

New Business:

- A. Sunday & Seasons Handbooks:** Questions raised about who will pay for these books? The charge for the books was given to the Worship & Music Board but this was not a line item before for this board. Request was made to determine what line item was used to pay for the books before 2020?
- B. Website:** Chet Madison brought up the need for all boards to review any information for their board on the St. Luke's website.
- C. Easter Egg Handout:** Laura Tice brought up having the same Easter Egg Handout that occurred last year again this year, 2023. Discussion occurred that no plastic eggs are needed but will need Easter candy. It was indicated that the Soul Stitchers could fill the plastic eggs with candy the Monday before Easter.
- D. SMUD PG&E Facility Issue:** A short discussion occurred due to the increase in the SMUD bill for January. Bill doubled in usage from last year for the same time. **The amendment was made to the approved minutes on March 21, 2023.**
- E. Facility Keys:** A short discussion occurred on how many keys are out for the facility. Linda Duffek indicated that since she has taken on Facility Usage that she has a list of keys she has given out to users but there is no list of church members who have keys to the facility. No final decision was made on how to handle who has keys for the facility.

Old Business

Storm drainage fee:

- Clarence Korhonen provided an update on the October 11, 2022, Storm Drain Fees hearing with Sacramento City. Sacramento City had finally gotten back to Clarence in December 2022 with their response. Sacramento City let St. Luke's know that they would not change their methodology standards, and the fee was to stand as is. A discussion occurred on what the church's next steps can be since the church feels these fees are not in line with the buildings that are present on the property lots. It was suggested by Chet Madison and agreed to by Clarence that a letter is to be written to our district representative, Mai Vang*, at the City Council to convey our concern about the ruling the City had handed down to the Church regarding their Storm Drain Fees. *Correction made on St. Luke's representative is Caitly Maple.

Final Question by Pastor Brian:

Pastor Brian asked all present what they felt was the reason someone would want to become a member of St. Luke's Church? Responses included:

- "All Are Welcome"
- Called to serve others
- Work in our community
- Place to hear/teach/share the Word.

Meeting closed at 7:36 PM

Closing Prayer: Provided by Peggy Moser

Respectfully Submitted,
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