

Council Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2023

Minutes Approved

April 18, 2023

Marlene Kiser

Meeting Called to Order at 6:05 PM by Chet Madison

Opening Prayer was provided by Peggy Moser.

Present: Chet Madison; Peggy Moser; Kirsten Ireton; Marlene Kiser; Cathy Davis; Linda Duffek; Laura Tice; Clarence Korhonen; Faith Thomas; Punky Dias; Paul Maki; Carole Vance

Absent: Pastor Brian Hiortdahl and Shirley Prouty

Approval of Council Meeting Minutes:

February 21, 2023, Council 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.

Amendments made to January 17, 2023, Council Meeting Minutes: 1.) Property Board Action Item: removal of the Italian Cypress indicating as discussed this had been declared a "emergency situation", and 2.) New Business D.: PG&E not the SMUD bill that seen an increase.

Board Reports:

W-ELCA:

- Punky Dias verbal report provided.
- Upcoming events: Bunco June 3, 2023 & Mother's Day Event on May 13, 2023.
- Next W-ELCA Meeting will be on April 15, 2023 (Third Saturday not the Second Saturday of the month)
- No further questions asked.

Evangelism:

- Carole Vance updated member.
- Easter Brunch to be Sunday April 9, 2023, at 9:30AM. The desire is to have the Brunch in the Courtyard with Schultz Hall as the backup location depending on the weather that day.
- No further questions asked.

Youth:

- Faith Thomas updated members, no youth members.

Education:

- Laura Tice updated members.
- Special thank you to Kelly Boyer for filling in as the Sunday School teacher for Peggy Moser on Sunday March 19, 2023. Kelly made sure she had completed the Safe Gathering documentation required by St. Luke Lutheran Church before teaching at Sunday School.
- No further questions asked.

Community Concerns:

- Linda Duffek updated members.
- Working on Blessing Bags for March & April.

- Collecting Candy to hand out for Easter. Peggy Moser to provide bags needed, and Soul Stitchers to fill Easter Bags the Monday before Easter.
- No further questions asked.

Worship & Music:

- Peggy Moser updated members for Shirley Prouty.
- Sign-up sheet in Narthex for Maundy Thursday Service for Stripping of the Altar.
- In Bulleting - Easter Lilies: If you would like to donate \$15 toward the purchase of an Easter Lily in honor or memory of someone, please fill out the Easter Lily form and enclose it in a pew envelope along with your donation.
- April 1, 2023, Cleaning Day for the church in preparation for Palm Sunday & Easter (Spring Cleaning).
- No further questions asked.

Pastor's Report:

- Chet Madison updated members for Pastor Brian Hiortdahl.
- Chet expressed Pastor Brian's thanks for all the prayers, support and understanding during his Mother's transition. Special thanks to both Chet Madison and Pastor Carl Hoppman for their leadership during his absences.
- Question was asked when Pastor Brian would return and Chet conveyed that Pastor Brian was to be back on Thursday morning, March 23, and would be holding his class "What Does This Mean? Class, Thursday evening as scheduled.

Property:

- Clarence Korhonen updated members.
- Main Kitchen refrigerator is not working and a repair person is coming March 22, 2023, to do a diagnostic on the refrigerator. Once the diagnosis is done will know more about how much it will cost to be repaired.
- Security Grant Request:
 1. St. Luke's was approved by California Office of Emergency Services (referred to from this point as OES) for the \$30,000 they had requested.
 2. The Grant was approved for security fencing along the south end of the Parking Lot.
 3. Authorizing agent for St. Luke Lutheran Church of Sacramento, California was suggested to be Chet Madison.
 4. April 10, 2023: Email letter to be received by OES of who will be the contacts individuals for grant request. Suggestion were Clarence Korhonen (Property Board Chair) and Jack Fenske.
 5. May 19, 2023: All documents will need to be received by OES.
 6. Currently a record-keeping workshop has been scheduled for contacting individuals from the Property Board.
 7. Clarence made a motion to be able to complete the governing body resolution documentation needed to proceed with the Grant, this motion was seconded by Kirsten Ireton. Unanimously approved by all.
 8. A short discussion did occur regarding how the gating will work for the security fencing. More to be worked out on all the logistics with complete transparency.
- It was reported that the Property Board is still working on the Storm Drainage Fee. Letter written to Council Person Caitly Maple that was signed by both Chet Madison (Council President) and Pastor Brian Hiortdahl. The Church's goal is still to get an exception to the methodology used to determine the storm drainage fee.

- Reported that the WiFi will be extended at the church facility to allow for putting up more Blink Camera's.
- No further questions asked.

Finance Reports:

- Paul Maki updated members.
- At the request of the Finance Board Pastor Brian met with the board to begin conversations about stewardship, basing his remarks on a book by Chick Lane on stewardship "Ask, Thank, Tell." The tentative date to make stewardship the focus of worship is the first part of October.
- A discussion of how to best present the financial concerns for the church occurred and how to best present this information to the congregation. One plan presented included providing graphs of the church's Budget; Incomes; & Expenses; Year to Date. Jack Fenske and Bob Behr will provide these graphs and provide a write-up - what does this mean to go along with the graph.
- Linda Duffek requested to talk to the Finance Board on the current Rental Agreement Usage Fees. Paul Maki said that Linda could attend the April Meeting to address the request to review the current usage fee and determine if any adjustments are needed.
- The PG&E monthly bill has continued to rise from month to month.
- No questions raised about the reports.

Action Items:

Finance Board Policy & Procedure P&P-1999-1 and P&P-2014-1 Requested Action Needed:

- The draft of the purpose Policy and Procedures changes requesting to be acted upon at the next Council Meeting for approval was sent by Kirsten Ireton on March 16, 2023, to Marlene Kiser, Council Secretary. On March 18, 2023, Marlene Kiser sent the draft purpose changes of Policy & Procedures P&P-1999-1 and P&P-2014-1 to all Council Members to review and bring any questions or concerns to the March Council Meeting.
- After a short discussion of the changes a motion was made by Clarence Korhonen to approve the changes made to P&P-1999-1 and P&P-2014-1. The motion was seconded by Peggy Moser. Unanimously approved by all.

New Business:

- 100th Anniversary of St. Luke Church of Sacramento, California – 2025: The 100th Anniversary of St. Luke's Church is 2025, this is fast approaching. Pastor Brian and Chet Madison have already had discussions and plans will be forth coming.

Old Business - None

Meeting closed at 7:10 PM

Closing Prayer: Provided by Faith Thomas

Respectfully Submitted,
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