

## Council Meeting Minutes

September 20, 2022

Approved Minutes

October 18, 2022

Marlene Kiser

**Meeting Called to Order** at 7:05 PM by Carolyn Andrews

**Opening Prayer** was provided by Shirley Prouty.

**Present:** Carolyn Andrews; Kirsten Ireton; Marlene Kiser; Shirley Prouty; Paul Maki; Cathy Davis; Linda Duffek; Laura Tice and Clarence Korhonen

**Absent:** Christina Hisamoto; and Carole Vance

### **Approval of Council Meeting Minutes:**

The August 16, 2022, Council Meeting Minutes were accepted with no corrections needed. A motion to accept the minutes as presented was made by Shirley Prouty; seconded by Laura Tice. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Board Reports:**

#### **Finance - Treasurer's/Special Funds/Financial Secretary – August Reports to Council.**

- Treasurer report provided by Kirsten Ireton.
- Again, expenses were down – no permanent pastor wages or benefits.
- Income Year to Date Budget vs Actual was -\$2906.04.
- Reserve continues to be used to assist with the budget.
- Expenses for storm drainage and trash continue to be worked on by the Property Board.
- One question asked and clarified that Special Funds from Reserve is being moved to the General Fund each month. No other questions asked.
- Paul Maki reported on the current work being done on the 2023 budget and is requesting all boards submit their budgets if not already done.
- A discussion occurred on finance for a possible new pastor, moving expenses, meet & greet, etc. More to come next month.

#### **Property – September Report emailed to Council.**

- Property Board report provided by Clarence Korhonen.
- Update on the New Storm Drainage – Hearing (Teams meeting) set for September 30, 2022, at 1PM to address the appeal St. Luke's has requested regarding the reassessment of the storm drainage fees. Any council member wishing to attend the meeting is welcome to join the meeting on September 30, 2022, at 1PM. There will be a presentation by Clarence of our case followed by questions and answers. Clarence will have available Sunday (September 25, 2022) papers on the case being presented so those attending will know what is being addressed. The City has 30 days to provide a response to the appeal. St. Luke's will know by the end of October (or before) if the appeal was successful. If the appeal is successful, it will be about a \$2500.00/year saving for the church.
- Parking Lot restriping – Property Board received a quote of \$1250.00 to restripe the parking lot between the Sunday School wing out to Tangerine. Motion was made to proceed with the restriping of the church parking lot by Clarence Korhonen and seconded by Marlene Kiser. Motion was approved unanimously.
- Homeless Issue update: Still experiencing homeless concerns. Homeless now are getting into the inner courtyard by climbing onto the roof and coming over into the courtyard which gives them

access to the bathrooms, water and electricity. The Property Board is working on ideas to stop this access over the roof. More to come on the issue and resolution.

- Refuse Service - Still working with Refuse Services on charges, ongoing project.
- Linda Duffek requested that the ring camera in the inner courtyard be redirected to show who is entering and leaving the courtyard to try and determine who may be leaving the building doors unlocked. Property Board to investigate redirecting the ring camera.

### **Worship & Music – September Report emailed to Council**

- Worship & Music Board met September 10th, 2022.
- Shirley Prouty provided an overview of the meeting.
- Upcoming Events: All Saint's Day observed Sunday November 6, 2022; Veteran's Day observed Sunday November 13; Christmas Season- tree to be set up on December 10, 2022, post W-ELCA Annual Christmas Party. Worship & Music Board is looking for someone who would be willing to donate a Christmas Tree to the church.
- No further questions asked.

### **Community Concerns – No Meeting for September / No Report**

- Linda Duffek had a Facility Usage Request made by NA (Narcotics Anonymous) to be able to use the facility for their Thanksgiving Marathon (4 days – Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday). Motion was made to allow NA to use the facility for the 4 days for their Thanksgiving Marathon by Marlene Kiser and seconded by Kirsten Ireton. Motion was approved unanimously.
- A question was raised if any pie/desserts could be provided by the church for this event (traditionally this was done by providing the deserts left over from our Thanksgiving Service.) No church service will be taking place this year so Council Members volunteered to make/bake pies and bring them to the church.

### **Education – No Meeting / Verbal Report at Council Meeting**

- Laura Tice reported that Peggy would be starting back up with Sunday School on Sunday, September 25, 2022.
- Laura to work on plans for Sunday School this coming Fall.

### **Youth – Currently no Board, No Report.**

### **Evangelism – No Meeting for September / No Report**

### **WELCA – Verbal Report**

- Verbal Report provided by Marlene Kiser
- Upcoming Fall Festival October 8, 2022, 8am to 2pm. Sign-up sheets will be available in church, Sunday September 25<sup>th</sup>, and Sunday October 2<sup>nd</sup>, for those wishing to help with the event.
- November is the Thanks Offering Service on November 20, 2022.
- December 10, 2022, is W-ELCA's Annual Christmas Party
- A question came up if the Annual Congregational Meeting was going to have a potluck this year on Sunday December 11, 2022? Currently no information was available if the church was going to have a potluck.

### **New Business:**

### **Employee wage adjustment: COLA vs MERIT**

- Boards with salaried employees need to talk to Executive Board if they are going to give a increase in salary next year (2023). Executive Board with discuss at next meeting on October 6, 2022.

## **Old Business**

### ***Call Process:***

- Wednesday and Thursday (September 21 & 22, 2022) the Call Committee will be meeting a candidate at the church. All Council Members are requested to stay away from the church during these meetings. There is still strict confidentiality with the candidate(s) being looked at.

### ***Storm drainage and Refuse fees: discussed during Property Board Report.***

### ***2023 Budget: discussed during Finance Reports***

### ***Round the Zoom:***

- Clarence Korhonen indicated that the church next to St. Luke's was approved by the City to build a Microwave Tower, was not sure where on the property the tower was going to be.

## **Meeting closed at 8:24 PM with the Lord's Prayer**

Respectfully Submitted,  
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