

St. Luke's Lutheran Church Council Meeting
7595 Center Pkwy, Sacramento, CA 95823
September 17, 2019



Present: President Carolyn Andrews, Vice President Christina Hisamoto, Treasurer Bob Behr, Pastor Carl Hoppman, Secretary Merle Zbrog, Jack Fenske (Property representative), Carole Vance (Evangelism), Peggy Moser (Worship & Music), Laura Tice (Youth Board Co-chair), Samantha Basquez (Youth Board Co-chair), Marlene Kiser (W-ELCA)
Excused Absences: Ron Webb (Finance), Faith Thomas (Community Concerns)

Absent: Lauren Orcutt (Education Co-chair)

Pastor Carl opened with prayer.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Carolyn Andrews at 7:03 PM Pacific Time.

Marlene Kiser 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 August Council meeting was e-mailed to all council members to review prior to the meeting.

- MOTION made by Peggy Moser to approve the August meeting minutes as corrected; seconded by Samantha Basquez. *Motion carried.*

Approved minutes are posted on the website. A copy can be downloaded from "Resources" by clicking on "Council Meeting Minutes – 2019."

Questions/Comments and/or Corrections re: Board Reports

Education – No report received.

SLY – No meeting; therefore, no report.

Community Concerns – No official meeting; therefore, no report. Peggy Moser reported they had an informal meeting to discuss Share-a-Sole and Trunk or Treat.

Presentation of Reports

The following reports were emailed and received with appreciation by Council.

Pastor's Report – Report emailed. *News & Views* for October is sparse. Council members were encouraged to send in items. We will be plugging in to the larger church by hosting the Conference Gathering on Sunday, November 17 from 2:00 – 4:00 pm. We will consider the election of a new Bishop next spring as well as other important topics for ministry in our area.

- ✚ All council members were encouraged to mark their calendars and attend.

- ✚ Refreshments need to be arranged.

President Carolyn Andrews told Pastor Hoppman on behalf of the council that we are glad to have him back from vacation.

Treasurer's Report: *Report e-mailed to Council.* Bob Behr noted we are a little behind for the month, but ahead for the year. Income less expenses is \$4,730.61. September is off to a better start than the summer months.

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- ✚ **2020 BUDGET** requests **must** be turned into the Finance Board or Treasurer by **OCTOBER 1, 2019**. Help is available; just ask. To date only Property Board and Evangelism have submitted their requests.

Special Funds Report: *Report e-mailed to Council.* The check that had not cleared by the end of last month has now cleared.

The art auction generated \$378.95 for the Sunday School fund.

- President Carolyn Andrews mentioned that the kids did a good job.
- Pastor Carl Hoppman thanked all for their work.

Financial Secretary Report: *Report e-mailed to Council.* September offerings look much better and we should meet our budget.

Worship and Music Board Report: *Report e-mailed to Council.* Most of the meeting was a discussion of the Luau.

Evangelism Board Report: *Report e-mailed to Council.* Carole Vance thanked all who helped with the picnic set up and clean up. The next event will be the Reformation Potluck on October 27.

Education Board Report: *No report e-mailed to Council.* Pastor Hoppman commented that the summer art projects went well. Peggy Moser reported that last Sunday was the first day of the new school year. Alana, who will turn 3 in December, has joined the group, making the preschool a group of two. There were three students in the older class.

SLY Board Report: *No report e-mailed to Council.* The pool party has been rescheduled for Sunday, September 22, 2019. E-mail and text reminders will go out. SLY will meet that Sunday after church. Snacks for the pool party were discussed briefly.

W-ELCA: *No report e-mailed to Council.* Marlene Kiser reported they had a nice meeting at Chicago Fire where they recapped the summer events and discussed the Fall Festival, Thankoffering Sunday, and Christmas plans. Marlene Kiser will speak to Kirsten Ireton regarding Kiwanis' role at the Fall Festival. Parking is a concern, so some plans were discussed. There was a discussion about the boat which has been abandoned on church property. Peggy Moser wondered if all former Fall Festival renters had been contacted about renting space this year. Peggy Moser will supply lunches at the Fall Festival. Kiwanis will provide breakfast from 7:30 – 10:00 am.

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Presentation of Board Action Items:

Property Board Report: *Refer to the Property Board report emailed.*

5. e. **Other On-Going Projects** – Jack Fenske drew attention to section (iv) **COURTYARD LIGHTING** – The Property Board has requested an electrician to provide an estimate for replacing a current, non-working courtyard lighting fixture mounted on the west end of the Education Wing. The estimated cost is between \$250.00 and \$300.00

- The question was put to the council: Does the Council request such an improvement? The council agreed the courtyard light should be replaced.

7. **MEETING WITH LANDSCAPE CONTRACTOR.** Jack Fenske drew attention to this section.

- MOTION made by Jack Fenske that the Property Board proceed with executing a new Landscape Services Contract beginning on January 1, 2020 with Robinson's Lawn Maintenance for a monthly fee will be \$850.00 including all mowing required for the non-irrigated field. Seconded by Peggy Moser. *Motion carried.*

Finance Report: *Report e-mailed to Council.* Action Item VANCO/Giving+ Program

- MOTION made by Peggy Moser to proceed with the VANCO/Giving+ Program. Seconded by Samantha Basquez. *Motion carried.*

It was requested by Marlene Kiser that the customer be made aware of the cost.

Old Business:

2020 Budgets

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Constitution and By-Laws: ELCA designed a new model in 2019. Our constitution was last revised in 2010. It is time to redo our constitution. There are parts of the constitution written by the synod which cannot be changed. We are looking to create a small committee to make certain what we have in our constitution is in compliance with the synod and to update where necessary. Then we need to look at our bylaws to make certain they are in accordance with the new constitution.

Updating these by the end of the year may be too ambitious. Once we have made our changes, the changes need to be reviewed by Synod before the updated documents can be presented to the congregation for a vote. We will most likely have to call a special congregational meeting in the spring.

Jack Fenske and Bob Behr have been working on this. Christina Hisamoto volunteered to be part of this committee.

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Additional Comments/Questions:

President Carolyn Andrews' Report: Some positions on council will be vacant at the end of 2019.

- ✚ An article will be placed in the October *News & Views* to notify the congregation of open positions.
- ✚ A nominating committee will be created. Christina Hisamoto voiced her enthusiasm to assist with this important endeavor.

Question regarding the Strategic Planning Meeting: Will Pastor Ron Zoesch be present for the November council meeting?

Question: What is the status of the community garden that was suggested? At the May meeting, the prospect of a community garden was mentioned and Pastor Zoesch asked for volunteers to go with him to the Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer and meet with Ann Carlson. Laura Tice volunteered. A representative from the Property Board was also to attend.

- ✚ This is something that could go in the *News & Views*.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 PM Pacific Standard Time with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

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