

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church Council Minutes

March 27, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Scott Bosecker at 6:30 PM in the Conference Room. Those present were: Pastor Wiese, Pastor Beecher, Scott Bosecker, Bill Grabill, Mike Earwood, Xavier Lee, Shelly Jones, Patrick Bauer, Carol Jensen-Linton, Mark Bunker and by Zoom - Brad Harris, Steve Gunderson. Also present were Barbara Anderson and Laura Hawkins

Devotion

Mike Earwood gave the devotion based on John 9: 1-17.

Opening Comments/Student Rep

Scott was pleased to have Xavier share information about DNow. There were over 1000 participants. A large gathering was held at New Hope North. The topic was what is a disciple and how to be a disciple.

Realm Demonstration

Barbara and Laura walked us through how to use the Realm App on our phones. They asked us to spread the word as to how easy it is.

Pastors Reports

Pastor Wiese

- Our ERCT application is finally proceeding. Both Fritz and Miriam were interviewed for it. We should know something in the next 3-5 months.
- Stewardship needs some new people to head this up. They will work with a cohort of larger ELCA congregations. Jason Hausner has been assigned to the Stewardship team.
- Larry Peterson has a contract on a home in Jonesboro.
- Fritz asked council members to support their assigned staff person.
- Lenten Possibilities has been going well. Palm Sunday will be a special service.
- SWAG and Juliette (2 new programs) have both gone well.

Pastor Beecher

Highlights from her written report

- The search team for the Director of Youth and Family has rebooted.
- Worked with Linda Volckman on ELCA annual report.
- Thanks to Jaycine Lester for lining up traditional service communion assistants and Carol Talbott for continuing to head up the Altar Guild.
- Special thanks to Cheryl and Karl Dietmeyer for helping with musicians during this interim time.
- Asked for assistance for various roles in upcoming worship services.
- Upcoming events – Confirmation is April 23, May and June – Senior Sunday followed by VBS and camp.
- When is Miriam retiring? It still stands within the next 2 years but no firm date has been set.

Treasurer's Report/Budget

Mark reported that donations were about 3% ahead of budget. Expenses are down by \$13,000 or 16% under budget. Therefore, we had another good month. Our reserve continues to grow.

The first draft of the budget was presented. Mark went through the details and feels good about it. He asked council to let him know immediately if there needed to be any changes so they could be incorporated into the second draft.

Personnel Committee Updates

It was reported that they are pressing ahead for the search of a new director for Middle and High School Youth and Families with much gusto.

Club SciKidz Lease

This organization has been meeting at another church which can no longer host them. They would lease the Fellowship Hall and 6 classrooms for a camp this summer. They would hold week-long camps June 19, July 10, and July 17. COSLC would be reimbursed 10% of the base camper registration (\$349) per week. A draft agreement was presented to council. It was moved by Bill and seconded by Shelly that Church Council approve, in principle, the Club SciKidz Lease Agreement (see attached document) provided by Linda Volckman subject to legal review. The motion carried.

FMT Update

At the main property - a water heater has been replaced, the concrete walkway is being repaired, the and the Sump Pump is being worked on. It has been suggested to replace the exterior Fellowship Hall doors as they do not function well.

Palmetto Road Restroom CER adjustment – getting bids.

Floating Dock CER – getting bids.

Administration Items

- February minutes – It was moved by Fritz and seconded by Mike to accept the minutes as submitted. Motion carried.
- SE Synod Assembly Representative Nominees – It was moved by Scott and seconded by Shelly that Scott and Jo Bosecker serve as our representatives. The motion carried.
- Thank You notes will be sent to the following – Cheryl and Karl Dietmeyer, David Beecher, Paul Talbot, Kathy Manes, and Jim Hagberg.
- Confirmand letters – Council members signed letter for each of the 9 confirmands.
- 2023 Devotional Assignments – Carol Jensen-Linton will do April 24.
- Next Council meeting is April 24, 2023
- Congregational Budget Meeting – May 21, 2023
- Survey – was not presented tonight but it is not forgotten.

Open discussion Committee/Team Updates/Other

- Attendance is up at all of our worship services.
- Tech is moving ahead for worship with new cameras being installed.

Closing Prayer & Adjournment

It was moved by Bill and seconded by Fritz to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 PM. Motion carried. The meeting was closed by all with the Lord's Prayer spoken in unison.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Jensen-Linton
Secretary