

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church Council Minutes

April 24, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Scott Bosecker at 6:33 PM in the Conference Room. Those present were: Pastor Wiese, Pastor Beecher, Scott Bosecker, Bill Grabill, Mike Earwood, Xavier Lee, Shelly Jones, Patrick Bauer, Jason Hausner, Steve Gunderson, Carol Jensen-Linton, Mark Bunker and by Zoom - Brad Harris.

Devotion

Carol gave the devotion based on Genesis 2: 8-9 in honor of Earth Day.

Opening Comments/Student Rep

Scott and Xavier were pleased to share information about 9 youth confirmed yesterday. Xavier announced that May 1 is the last day to order Moe's Taco Kits. Proceeds will help the youth pay for the National Gathering. May 3 will be the end of the year party youth. May 21 is Senior Sunday.

Pastors Reports

Pastor Wiese

- The COSLC Pre-school is a separate entity from the church. They are facing leadership challenges (Colleen Ferris is retiring) and financial challenges (low population).
- We welcomed 3 new family units to COSLC. Five new families are attending the new Connect Class and are very excited.
- New leadership for Stewardship is needed.
- Larry Peterson is on his way to us. His first official day is May 1.
- Sanctuary Renewal Project – Don Livingston will coordinate the financial part and Leslie Klein will coordinate the relaunching of the various task groups.
- Positive feedback from the Lenten Series and Holy Week services.

Pastor Beecher

- Today is the 40th Anniversary of her Ordination by a Baptist church in West Virginia.
- The search for the new Director of Youth and Families is ongoing. The job description is on our website. She encouraged everyone to talk to people about our opening.
- COSLC Pre-school. We found out on April 5 of Colleen's retirement. Whereas they are a separate entity from the church and their board is responsible for finding a new director, we will need to help them.

Treasurer's Report/Budget

Mark reported that March with another solid month. April looks like the income is ahead of the budget. He is projecting that we will break even for the year. That is because we are a little ahead on income and under for expenses (mainly because Personnel expenses are down.) The budget that was presented last month was discussed and no changes were made. It was moved by Scott and seconded by Mike that the Church Council approve the budget that was presented for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. The motion carried. It will be presented for approval by the congregation at the May 21 Congregational Meeting.

Floating Dock CER

Linda Volckman submitted a CER request for \$4000 (the actual cost may end being less) to build a floating dock at the Palmetto Road property. A motion was made by Scott and seconded by Steve to approve the CER for the Palmetto Road Dock Project for \$4000. There was a great deal of discussion. It was moved by Mike and

seconded by Scott to table the motion. After additional discussion, the motion failed. Scott and Steve resubmitted their original motion to approve the CER and the motion carried.

Personnel Committee Updates

- Our interim positions are continuing on for now.
- Summer Youth Intern positions are open and several applications have been submitted.

Finance Committee Update

- Currently 2 signatures are required on checks over \$500. They are considering changing that because they feel that the Purchase Order forms would make that unnecessary.
- They are in the process of moving our account to the Delta Community Credit Union.

FMT Update

Palmetto Road (see report for more details)

Rest rooms - Soil erosion plan in review with Fayette Co. Zoning and Planning.

Septic - Fayette Environmental says we need 2 tanks. \$10.5k.

Dock - Awaiting final approval.

Fishing derby - They have volunteers to run it. Plan is to keep it small this year but broaden next year.

New projects (see report for more details)

COS Sidewalk – needs some repair work.

Palmetto Road - No additional work will be done until the COO (Certificate of Occupancy) is issued to us from the county for the bathrooms.

Administration Items

- March minutes – It was moved by Steve and seconded by Scott to accept the minutes as submitted. Motion carried.
- Facility Usage Agreement – It was moved by Mike and seconded by Scott that we approve the Facility Usage Agreement with Classical Conversations. The motion carried.
- Thank You Notes – We will honor our youth leaders this month: Buddy Troy, Jennifer Catlett, Andrea Fisher and Allison McCumber.
- Congregational Budget Meeting: May 21, 2023
- Next Council meeting: May 22, 2023
- Next Devotional Assignment: May 22nd by Steve Gunderson
- Survey – Not tonight but not forgotten.

Open discussion Committee/Team Updates/Other

- We are pleased that our facility is used by many community groups.
- Members are encouraged to submit Google reviews of our church by saying something nice about what is happening at COSLC.

Closing Prayer & Adjournment

It was moved by Fritz and seconded by Bill to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM. Motion carried. The meeting was closed by all with the Lord's Prayer spoken in unison.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Jensen-Linton
Secretary