

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church Council Minutes September 25, 2023

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

Devotion

Jason shared a devotion with us based on Romans 5:55 and his recent trip to Vietnam. The theme was to see perception in various situations we are faced with.

Opening Comments

Scott reported that he has received several expressions of thanks from church members for the thank you note they received from Council. Thank you so much to Shelly for taking the lead on this. It is definitely making an impact!

Now that Linda Volckmann is back from vacation, he will be talking to her in the next week about using Realm to build a list of folks who have joined COS in the last 6 years or so. Once done, he will send out the "How did you find us" survey. He has asked Barbara Anderson to give it to perspective new members as well. It's been a very busy time for Scott. Since the last meeting he has attended many church meetings. He asks that we patient with him as he struggles to handle all this in a pretty compressed time frame.

Pastors Reports

Pastor Wiese

This last Saturday, 18 people attended a meeting to learn about becoming members of COSLC.

There is continued dialog about the Sanctuary Renewal Project.

This year's Stewardship theme will continue with the Generosity theme and Kevin Hawkins is heading this up. A Leadership Luncheon will be held on October 1 after the Traditional Service.

Pastor Beecher

Ethan Miller, our new director of Youth and Family Ministries is doing well.

Larry Peterson is doing well.

April Peterson is just the right match for what our Child Development Center needs.

Treasurer's Report/Budget

Mark reported that August revenue was down 4.9% but expenses were also down. However we are doing better than our budget year to date.

Stewardship Update

Kevin reported that there is continuity between last year and this year's theme – Multiplying Love. It is based on the idea of the generosity of giving enables us to tell the stories about the ministries that were enabled with the resources that are given.

He emphasized that a corresponding sermon series is important.

Kevin encouraged to utilize a "Challenge Gift" like we did 2 years ago. He is hoping that 1 or more council members would be willing to step up so we could present a united challenge gift of \$2000 to \$3000. He asked to notify himself, Pastor Fritz, or Jason if they were interested in doing so.

Personnel Committee Updates

There is a need to hire some help for the Contemporary Worship service. It was moved by Scott and seconded by Jason to hire Curt Griffin as a part time Contemporary Worship Sound Technician. The motion carried.

Sanctuary Improvement Report

Don Livingston presented his information via Zoom. He gave a rough estimate of time and cost. The electrical aspect of the project appears to be the only thing that needs to be permitted. Most of the initial money to cover the cost would come from various accounts designated for this purpose. Looking at cash flow, 30% of the cost of the new chairs would be due in December. An additional amount would need to be raised to cover the whole project that would be done in 2-3 stages. The plan is to start construction April 15, 2024. It would last 12-16 weeks realistically.

FMT Update

Their September meeting was cancelled.

Administration Items

August minutes – It was moved by Brad and seconded by Bill to accept the minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

Thank You notes will be sent to the children who sang and rang this last weekend.

Survey – going out the end of September.

Continuing Resolution Discussion – per C12.11.02. Bylaw – Executive Sessions, Scott requested that we move into Executive Session. After discussion was held, he brought council out of Executive Session.

It was moved by Bill and seconded by Mike to remove CR C9.02.B10 from the current Governing Document of Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church. The motion passed unanimously (11-0) after no discussion.

2023 Devotional Assignments – Scott Bosecker.

Next Council meeting is October 23, 2023.

Open discussion Committee/Team Updates/Other

We are still waiting to hear about the status of the ERTC.

Closing Prayer & Adjournment

It was moved by Bill and seconded by Shelly to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 PM. Motion carried. The meeting was closed by all with the Lord's Prayer spoken in unison.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Jensen-Linton
Secretary