

Christ Our Shepherd Lutheran Church Council Minutes
November 27, 2023

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

Devotion

Bill shared a devotion by Brian McLaren's "Song of Praise" based on Isaiah 55:12. The underlying theme was that God loves tortoises.

Opening Comments

Xavier reported that the youth are getting ready for their end of year/Christmas party this Wednesday. They will be participating in the Advent Workshop the following week. Their annual Spaghetti Dinner will be held the end of January.

Scott submitted our updated Governing Document to the Synod on November 15. He shared correspondence from Pastor Chilton. Scott met with the Apple Tree Society. The Ron Bowman's estate left his home to benefit our Palmetto Road property. It will take a while before it is sold. Concern was expressed that the home is winterized and has proper insurance during this interim time. Scott will follow-up on these issues.

Pastors Reports

Pastor Wiese

Thanksgiving Eve activities had a new format and were very successful.

This year's Stewardship theme, "Multiplying Love" continues. We now have 139 faith intents (goal for challenge funds is 150) and over 100 have signed up for online giving.

Sanctuary Renewal Project is coming together and the fundraising group will begin work.

Pastor Beecher

Ethan is learning a lot and the youth like him.

April is doing a great job with the pre-school.

Miriam plans to retire this spring with April 15 as a likely date. They still don't know where they are at with David's health. He continues to be monitored.

Treasurer's Report/Budget

Mark reported October was not a great month for us. Revenue is 14% below where it should be. There is a \$31,000 loss year to date on expenses. He stated that it was not a great report but we are not in panic mode.

Personnel Committee Updates

Already covered in above reports.

FMT Update

Mike reported that Palmetto Road property now has Verizon 5G. The bathroom project is moving along and should be completed during the first quarter of 2024. The septic system will go in once the building is complete.

The committee is working to determine if building usage fees should go up. Groups will be limited during our construction time beginning April 15, 2024 and lasting for up to 4 months or so.

Nominating Committee

Bill reported that the following people have accepted the nomination to serve on Council for the next 3 years: Ellen Pfundt, Katie Snyder, and Ben McCumber. He is still working on nominees for Synod Assembly representatives.

Administration Items

- October minutes – It was moved by Brad and seconded by Bill to accept the minutes. Motion carried.
- Thank You notes will be sent to the Sunday School teachers.
- CER for Zero Turn Mower for Palmetto Road – an email vote will be sent out when we have the final details.
- Survey – 30 were sent out and 12 have been received back so far. When asked how they learned about COS, 8 said friends/family and 4 Google. 5 were looking for a Lutheran church while 8 were just looking for a church. The style of worship wasn't a concern to them. The majority live within a 5-mile radius of the church. Many were looking for an inclusive church. The age breakdown was 3 – 30-35, 2 – 46-59, 8 – 60-99.
- Next Council meeting is December 18, 2023.
- Next Devotional Assignment – TBD.

Open discussion Committee/Team Updates/Other

There was none.

Closing Prayer & Adjournment

It was moved by Jason and seconded by Brad to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 PM. Motion carried. The meeting was closed by all with the Lord's Prayer spoken in unison.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Jensen-Linton
Secretary