

Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes – February 2, 2023 Rev 2.28.23

Called into community, gifted to serve.
Glorifying God through love in action.

Present: Pastor Aileen Robbins, Joanne Niemi, Janet Graves-Wright, Andy Mitchell, Laurie Simonson, Sheri Treadwell, Amy Trichanh, Paul Williams, Mark Sutliff, Jim Hartmann, and Shelly Knapp

We met remotely via Zoom because of COVID-19.

Devotions and Opening Prayer – Pastor Aileen opened the meeting with devotions on the theme of Genesis and the Joseph story of forgiveness.“

Joanne led the meeting.

Agenda Review – Pastor added time to thank the Council for our service. We also added Property under ministry reports. Financial report comments by Janet also.

Approval of July 21, 2022 and January 12, 2023 Meeting Minutes. We visually approved the July 21, 2022 minutes.

Covid Update – Sheri suggested we plan on remove /roll back some of our restrictions. On May 11, the Federal COVID-19 public health emergency is over. Schools still have some space restrictions. We need to plan our transition to a pre-pandemic environment. We will put a review of our Covid policy on the agenda for the March Council.

Schedule Review: 2023 Calendar – Joanne proposed we meet on Thursday, March 2 and again March 30, however, not meet in April.

Ministry Team Reports

- Financial: Janet thanked many people for their active participation, time and assistance working on the budget.
- Pastor Aileen:
 - New Member Plan - We will have a New Member brunch on March 4 at 9:00 AM. There will be a sign-up sheet for dishes to pass.
 - Lenten plans - Postcards will be sent out with the Lenten services schedule. We will share space with the 5 ecumenical partner churches. Carpooling will be an option. We will be partnering with the Methodist church for Good Friday. The Saturday Easter Vigil will be at Messiah.
 - On Fridays during lent we will take turns having soup and bread meals with our ecumenical partners which includes a service following. Our turn is Friday March 3rd will be Soup and Salad. There will be a sign-up sheet requesting 4 kinds of soup etc.
- Note: Jim Hartmann is not sure he is getting all the information. Please check his email and update the mailing list if necessary.
- Extended Ministry Team Report –
 - Youth and Family: Amy provided an update about Lenten Sunday School and getting the projects ready. She said there is a good group of children and she needs volunteers for teaching. Children will return to the sanctuary in time for communion with their families. Confirmation class will include 3 children this spring. The Youth gathering will be July 2024 and it will be in New Orleans. A poster will go up on the bulletin board.

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- Property: Paul sent us a detailed list of work done on the property in January. The first major expense for 2023 to replace the failed NAC panel. Empire provided a \$2,400 quote. Many repairs were done by the property team in January.

Looking Ahead:

- Pancake Supper – We agreed there is not enough time to plan this year and there are covid restrictions. We are adding Feb 19 as Ice Cream Sundae Sunday. The boy scouts are having Shrove Tuesday at the Baptist Church.
- Room request for fall – The brownie troop would like to meet in the Fellowship Hall because they need more room. Paul will check with the boy scouts regarding the possibility of moving them. Joanne will talk to Willie about opening up the choir space.
- Discipleship Workshop; Goal review and setting – We need to move the time for the workshop from March to May or even fall. The workshop should be outside, and it is time we review our goals. The goals are still relevant, want to review them and consider any changes.

Next Meeting

Council Meeting – Thursday, March 2, 2023 7:00 – 8:30
Devotions & prayer – Andy
Extended ministry report – Outreach

Upcoming Dates:

- Friday, March 3 – First Lenten Soup/Service at Messiah in the evening.
- Saturday, March 4 – Brunch for new members. Council Members are encouraged to attend.
- Thursday, March 30 Council meeting (no meeting in April).

Closing Prayer – Pastor Aileen led the closing prayer.

Submitted by Laurie Simonson