

Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes – July 25, 2024

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

Present: Pastor Aileen Robbins, Jeff Gerstenberger, Laurie Simonson, Sheri Treadwell, Amy Trichanh, Mark Sutliff, Brianna Dauphinee, Jim Hartmann, Andy Mitchell, and Paul Williams.

Jeff started the meeting by checking in with everyone.

Devotions and Opening Prayer – Amy led devotions, using a theme she learned at the Youth Gathering event.

Agenda Review - We did not modify the agenda.

Elections – Jim made the motion and Sheri seconded it. We unanimously elected Jan Pios to lead Adult Faith Formation because Andy Mitchell is moving to Finance. Amy made the motion and Mark seconded it. We also unanimously voted that Andy Mitchell become our Finance Director and Sheri Treadwell becomes our new Vice President. We will send Jan the planning calendar etc. and add her to the email distribution list.

Approval of Meeting Minutes – We approved the June 6, 2024 meeting minutes.

Financial Reports

- June 2024 reports. We reviewed the June 2024 Balance Sheet, Account Activity and the Income and Expense Statement. Income was a bit lower than expected. We did not get the payment from the Synod. Income as of June 30 was 46% of budget and total expenses are at 53%.

Ministry Team Reports

- No extended report, other reports as desired. We can read Pastors and the others submitted.

Other Business

- Synod Assembly report – Attendance was up 10% from last year. The number of youth is down. Pastor Aileen said there are only 22 people in camp in all of Western New York. Confirmation groups are getting smaller. There was half the usual amount of people at the National Youth Gathering.
- Stephen Ministry Leadership Training. The cost has increased to \$1,530. After a discussion, Jim made the motion and Amy seconded it and we unanimously approved using funds from the Adult Faith Formation budget and Stephen Ministry designated funds.
- Reconciling Works – In review our statement, we need to strengthen our commitment to racial equality. Sheri will work on amending the statement we already have and present to Council for approval.
- Website – Meeting planned.

Next Meeting

Council Meeting – September 5, 7:00 – 8:30 PM

Devotions and prayer – Andy

Extended ministry report – Adult Faith Foundation

Closing Prayer – Amy closed our meeting with prayer.

Submitted by Laurie Simonson