

Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes – July 27, 2023

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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. Bishop Lee Miller joined our meeting,

We met hybrid via Zoom and Owl.

Devotions and Opening Prayer – Amy started our meeting with devotions and prayer. Psalm 27.

Joanne led the meeting.

Agenda Review – We changed the extended ministry report for the September 14 meeting to be Adult Faith Formation. We added the Food Ministry report to be included today.

Bishop Miller talked for several minutes, thanking the council for our leadership, time and energy; especially regarding the food ministry, support of our pastors, and stewardship.

Approval of June 8 minutes - They had not been sent yet, so no approval.

Financial Reports –The first Quarter report will be ready soon. Janet sent several financial reports for us to review. We asked questions regarding the Financial Report Summary and percentages. Cash flow is positive. We will have the July information soon, there is always a time lag because of when data is available. Janet is preparing a Quarterly Report for the congregation.

Ministry Team Reports

- Pastor Aileen:
 - New position update - Pastor send us her usual written report. After 1.5 months in the part-time synod position, Pastor Aileen continues coming up to speed and getting a rhythm. Summer has been a slow start. She has met her counterpart.
 - Discipleship workshop –Pastor is reading the book “Part-Time is Plenty” by G. Jeffrey MacDonald for inspiration. Shelly has it on order. We need to set a date for the workshop, it will be from 9-noon at church. The workshop will be mission centered; looking at the future, looking at ecumenical partners, what can we explore, different ways to grow.
- Membership Rolls Review – The member list will be reviewed. Pastor will ask Cathy to mail individualized letters in order to re-engage members.
- Property Report – Paul sent out June and July reports. The drainpipe has been replaced and there has been no trouble. The team gets together every Monday and do the necessary things around the church, drywall, and painting. The latch repair on the front door is not correct. Otis Elevator provided a quote for \$20,000 for flood control, however we already use a sump pump. We took a few minutes to review the potential new signs. We like the B example because it is easy to read. Paul will get a quote for both A and B examples so we can consider the options and vote for the best replacement sign. It will cover the physical sign that is already out in front.
- Food Ministry Report – Pastor Hans continues to do an awesome job talking to people picking up food. One person donated \$100 in a hallelujah moment. We were inspected by Food Link and received Platinum status which is outstanding. We need an additional freezer, and the cost is about \$3832.62. We can do an appeal. Bishop Miller pledged \$100. We discussed funding it temporarily from the Reach Out fund.

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Looking Ahead:

- Discipleship Workshop:
 - Date
 - Goal Review and setting
- Reminder Newsletter needs articles by the 10th of the month.

Next Meeting

Council Meeting – Thursday, September 14, 2023 7:00 – 8:30 – Hybrid (use the OWL)
Devotions & prayer – Janet
Extended ministry report – Adult Faith Formation
Council Meeting – Thursday, October 12 (Andy cannot attend)

Pool Party details: Saturday, August 26 3:00. Dinner at 6. Rain or shine and a dish to pass.

Closing Prayer – Amy closed our meeting with prayer.

Submitted by Laurie Simonson