

ST. PETER'S LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

September 29, 2022

CALL TO ORDER/OPENING: President, Fred Rackow, called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm; Pastor and all chairpersons in attendance. Pastor Eaves opened the meeting with a devotion and prayers.

ATTENDANCE:

Pastor Eaves	Beth Jack, Board of Outreach
Fred Rackow, President	Sonja Sporleder, Asst. Financial Secretary, Memorial Committee and Benevolence
Cindy Kuschel, Recording Secretary	Jeff Pergande, Board of Elders
Darlene Tegtmeier, Treasurer	Marilyn Eaves, Altar Guild
Christy Peterson, Chairman, Preschool Board	Pam Neisendorf, Christian Education
David Neisendorf, Board of Trustees	

MINUTES OF 06/09/2022 COUNCIL MEETING: After review, it was noted that one correction is necessary to the 6/9/22 minutes: Christy Peterson was not in attendance. Pam made a motion to approve the 6/9/2022 minutes with correction as noted; Beth seconded the motion. After discussion, motion to approve the minutes with the above correction passed.

REPORTS:

- **Treasurer's Report:** Darlene reported the below for period 1/1/2022 to 9/26/2022:
 - Amount available in our unrestricted checking account is \$18,189.85.
 - Income for same period (restricted account) = \$140,602.25 and expenses = 183,539.33. Balance in checking account (income less expenses) = (\$42,937.08).
 - We received a check in the amount of \$23,895 from the insurance company for replacement of the organ. This money was put in income bucket but Darlene will move to general savings account.
 - We replaced the A/C in Pastor's office. Money was taken from Improvement Fund.
 - Expenses incurred for new shed comes out of the Memorial Fund (not checking account). Darlene will reallocate the funds to be taken from Memorial Fund.
- **Board of Trustees:** David Neisendorf's complete written report is attached to these minutes as an addendum. David noted the below items:
 - The check we received from Church Mutual included a reduction due to depreciation. However, we did challenge the reduction and have now received full compensation (minus \$1000 deductible). We are looking at organs in other churches and working with Triune Organs on a replacement. Thank you to Sonja for her assistance with the insurance claim.
 - Bell Tower: The bell tower system was also damaged by the lightning strike/power surge and will need to be replaced. The quote to replace the bell tower system is \$8400 plus \$500 service call.
 - Replaced rusted posts out front.
 - Propane gas and snow plowing contracts have been signed. Contract amounts need to be included in the 2023 budget.
- **Elders' Report:** Jeff reviewed the Elders' Report which is attached as an addendum. Included were statistics for period January 1, 2021 through October 2022 for baptisms, confirmations, deaths, weddings, new members, transfers, and average weekly attendance.
 - Average weekly attendance for 2021 was 61 and for 2022 to current date is 56.
 - Ginny Schuring's date of death should be corrected to July 2022.

- Jeff also reported that St. Peter's is enrolled in Stephen Ministries. Pastor is trained. Our budget allows for one more leader. We need to recruit and train care givers.
- Constitution: Our constitution was approved by the NID Board of Directors on 6/13/2022.
- Maleena Bensko is to be baptized during an outdoor service in October.
- Confirmation classes begin in October.
- **Christian Education Committee:** Pam Neisendorf's written report is included with these minutes as an addendum.
 - Sunday School began 9/11/2022. There are 2 classes with 7 children attending: one for children 3-4 years old up to 4th grade and a second class for children in grades 5-8. Curriculum used is Group Publishing's "Simply Loved".
 - Denny has one student in his class.
 - Confirmation will begin in October.
 - The Committee is hoping to have a Christmas program this year at the worship service on 12/18/22.
 - Bible classes are offered by Pastor on Thursday afternoons, Sunday mornings after church, and by Marilyn Eaves on Saturday mornings ("Pew Sisters") and Monday evenings (LWML study).
- **Outreach Board:** Beth provided the following updates:
 - Picnic was held indoors due to rain on August 20, 2022.
 - We had a float in the Coon Creek Days Parade but not in the Burlington Days' Parade (rain),
 - Upcoming events:
 - October 22 – Trunk or Treat from 3:00 to 5:00 pm
 - October 23 – Outing to Schnitzel Platz (please use sign-up sheet in Narthex)
 - November 12 – Movie: "Lady and the Tramp"
 - December 3 – Pictures with Santa from 10 to Noon
 - October 10 – Next meeting at 6:00 pm
- **Christian Education Committee:** Pam Neisendorf's written report is attached to these minutes.
 - VBS will be held the week of June 20th. We have 67 children (includes helpers) enrolled at this time.
 - Sunday School is on summer break and will resume in September.
- **Preschool Board:** Christy Peterson's full report is attached to these minutes as an addendum. Christy noted the following:
 - Preschool classes will be taking a field trip to Goebbert's Pumpkin Farm this fall.
 - Ashley Kneipper is a new hire who is taking classes to be a Preschool Director while working for LSP. This process has been approved by DCFS.
 - A quote was received to replace playground equipment (painting at this time is not working; perhaps we will know more in the spring). The quote provided was \$14,162.04. A future meeting will be held to discuss.
 - Funds as of 9/30/2022 = \$11,935.52.
- **Memorial Committee:** Sonja reported a balance in the Memorial Fund of \$53,983.68. Marilyn Maas will replace Ginny Schuring as a member on the committee. A meeting was held with Sandy Dorwaldt to discuss establishing a procedure to allocate monies by families.
- **Ladies' Aid:** A ham dinner will be held on Saturday, October 1, 2022. No drive-up option to pick up dinners will be offered and sit down/carry out options only will be available. Two tables for the Outreach Board's bake sale will be set up in Fellowship Hall.

- **Benevolence Committee:** Sonja noted that LeAnn is out due to recent surgery. The balance in the Benevolence Fund is \$720.13.

Discussion followed regarding a recent check that was written to a management company for a person who needed to move and needed a down payment on or before October 1, 2022. A decision was made to cut a check for \$1750.00. Additional discussion called for establishing guidelines and a cap for monies given from this fund.

A meeting is to be scheduled for the second week in October to discuss the current procedures and form.

- **Altar Guild:** Marilyn reported that the next meeting will be held Monday, October 3, 2022. Sandy Dorwaldt will be present to demonstrate how to properly fold the funeral pall.
- **Youth Committee:** No report
- **Pastor's Report:** Pastor Eaves explained the need for professionals to work on our sound system. SPL Systems does offer these services to churches. SPL has identified our problems and would make a digital system "simple". The system proposed would be expensive but noted that the entire proposal does not need to be done at one time but done by addition of modules. Flat screens would be installed.

We were encouraged to read the SPL Systems informational brochure and to consider SPL as part of our new budget. Pastor will check with other churches in the area.

- **New Business:**
 - A Church potluck will be scheduled for Sunday, October 2, 2022. A letter explaining details will be sent out.
 - Budget Meeting: 2023 Budget meeting will be held Thursday, October 27, 2002, at 6:30 pm. Please submit all budget items to Darlene by October 20.
 - Congregational Assembly will be held November 13, 2022 to approve budget and elect officers including Church Council Vice President, Recording Secretary and Financial Secretary plus additions to committees.
 - Sign Committee: Next meeting is scheduled for October 6, 2022; no report at this time.
 - Thrivent Choice: A meeting needs to be held to discuss items that could be covered by Thrivent Choice monies, i.e. buy flowers, support seminary students, ham dinner, Outreach, VBS.
 - Possible grant from NID: The monies available from this grant must be mission-oriented, i.e. improvements to sound system.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: David made a motion to adjourn and Jeff seconded the motion. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

CLOSING PRAYER: Pastor led us in prayer to close the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Kuschel, Council Secretary