

ST. PETER'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH NORTH PLATO

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES, AUGUST 8, 2023

CALL TO ORDER/OPENING: Vice President, Burt Andrews, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Pastor Eaves opened the meeting with a devotion and prayers. Burt Andrews conducted the meeting.

Attendance:

Members in attendance:

Pastor Eaves	Christy Petersen, Preschool Board
Fred Rackow, President	Beth Jack, Outreach Committee
Burt Andrews, Vice President	David Neisendorf, Board of Trustees
Marilyn Maas, Recording Secretary	Pam Neisendorf, Board of Christian
Darlene Tegtmeier, Treasurer	Education and Youth
Sonja Sporleder, Asst. Financial Secretary, Memorial Committee	

Members absent:

Jeff Pergande, Board of Elders
Shana Flatland, Assistant Financial Secretary

MINUTES OF JUNE 15, 2023 COUNCIL MEETING: Dave Niesendorf made a motion to accept the minutes and Christy Petersen seconded the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

REPORTS (all written committee and officer reports are attached to these minutes)

TREASURER'S: Darlene Tegtmeier reported that copier costs are high and there needs to be an effort to reduce costs in this area. Beth Jack made a motion to reduce copier costs and Sonja Sporleder seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: No report.

PASTOR: Pastor reported on current church statistics.

MEMORIAL COMMITTEE: Sonja Sporleder advised there are no undesignated funds at this time. Funds have been designated for the Audio Visual Sound System. Dave Niesendorf made a motion to accept this, and Beth Jack seconded. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Dave Niesendorf reported the damaged wall at the Church entrance will be repaired and the cost covered by the insurance of the driver who damaged the wall. Sonja Sporleder moved to proceed with the wall repair, and Darlene Tegtmeier seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Pam Niesendorf reported on Vacation Bible School; sixty-seven children attended. Sunday school will begin September 10. Three bible studies were offered during the summer. Fred Rackow moved to accept the Christian Education report; and Beth Jack seconded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE: Beth Jack advised St. Peter's will participate in the Hampshire Coon Creek Days parade August 13. Volunteers are needed to ride the float and to walk and distribute water. Sonja Sporleder

moved to accept the Outreach Committee plans for the parade and Dave Niesendorf seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

BOARD OF ELDERS: No report.

PRESCHOOL BOARD: Christy Petersen advised that Danielle, the new assistant, is being trained to replace Kristina upon her departure. Additional information is included in the attached report. Pam Niesendorf moved to accept the report; and Beth Jack seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

OTHER DISCUSSION: Darlene Tegtmeier reported there is \$832 in the Benevolence Fund. Funds have been distributed for items including food, back rent, hygiene items and transportation costs.

Ladies Aid will be sponsoring a ham dinner for the second year. The date is October 21.

Sound system pledges, including memorials, total \$79,215 to date. In addition, a District grant of \$15,000 is to be received for a total of \$94,215.

Beth Jack made a motion to present the congregation with the sound system proposal at a cost of \$81,062.54, plus \$267.51 per month for a maintenance and support plan, which covers the church, fellowship hall and cry room, plus a 5% contingency on the system cost (to cover possible price increase since the previous quote) for a total system cost of \$85,220. A Congregation Assembly meeting will be scheduled for August 27. Fred Rackow seconded the motion. Discussion followed regarding some concern there could be a shortfall in general giving funds to cover operating expenses. Following discussion, the vote was called. Motion carried with six yes votes and two no votes. Fred Rackow will send a letter to all congregation members on Sunday, August 13 defining the Assembly meeting objective for August 27.

NEW BUSINESS:

A letter has been received from Illinois State Treasurer's Office regarding workplace retirement savings programs. It is unclear as to how this might apply to church and preschool staff. After discussion, Beth Jack moved to consult with a lawyer recommended by District to determine how this might apply. Darlene Tegtmeier seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Sonja Sporleder informed the council that she is now a notary public and is willing to provide this service to our members. Darlene Tegtmeier moved to post this information in the Messenger, and Dave Niesendorf seconded the motion. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

CLOSING: Motion to close the meeting with unanimous agreement. Pastor closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Maas, Recording Secretary