

**ST. PETER'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH NORTH PLATO
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 28, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER/OPENING: Fred Rackow, President, called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m. Pastor Eaves opened the meeting with prayer and a devotion.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE: Pastor Eaves, Christy Petersen, Darlene Tegtmeier, Fred Rackow, Jeff Pergande, Sonja Sporleder, David Neisendorf and Pam Neisendorf.

A Motion was made by Darlene Tegtmeier and seconded by David Neisendorf to approve the minutes from the 8/8/23 Meeting. Motion carried. Committee reports that remained the same as at the 8/8/23 meeting will be included in these minutes.

Church Treasurer Darlene Tegtmeier shared a written report of monies available as of the date of September 28, 2023. The funds in the checking account were broken down in the categories of Unrestricted and Restricted. She also shared a recap of the sound system funds spent and funds received to date. \$87,035 has been collected to date, (which includes the NID funds, as well as memorial funds transferred for the sound system). There is still \$10,950.00 in outstanding pledges. Darlene also made the members present aware that there is a tax exempt available for all to use and she encourages use of it whenever possible.

There was no Financial Secretary's Report given.

Pastor Eaves shared a Statistics report for the time period of January 1, 2020 to September 28, 2023. This mainly highlighted the 4 recent baptisms on September 17 and 24, as well as a new student in the Confirmation Class, and an average weekly worship attendance number from 1/1/23 to 9/28/23 being 62. Also, the 2023 LWML Recognition Sunday will be October 8. Sonja Sporleder asked that in the future if it would be possible to include only one year's data on said reports.

A short discussion was held regarding deciding on how it will be determined to have an outdoor service as opposed to moving indoors. The Elders will continue to make the best decisions possible as they have been doing.

David Neisendorf had a short report from the Board of Trustees indicating that the majority of the work has been done on the rebuilding of the west church entrance brick wall, with the exception of the letters still needing to be installed.

Insurance matters regarding this incident are still in the process of being worked out.

Pam Neisendorf, Chairperson of Christian Education, submitted a written report attached hereto, as did the Outreach Committee, chaired by Beth Jack.

Christy Petersen, Chairperson of the Preschool Board shared that currently there are 19 children in the M/W/F class and 10 in the T/TH class. DCFS will be here for an inspection on

October 11th and classes will be enjoying their field trips to the Goebbert's Pumpkin farm on October 17 and 18. She also noted that personnel at this time are Kristina Kolodziej, Shana Flatland (Religious Ed and Floater), Ashley (Floater), and Danielle, who is the assistant in the classroom and is in line to be our new director in 2 years. Many thanks, also to all who made the new playground installation possible.

Pastor Eaves discussed a program proposed by the State of Illinois that would require employers (including churches) to provide some pension contributions for their employees. Full details on this will be looked into and reported at a later date.

Chairpersons of each church committee were asked to submit their budget numbers for 2024 by October 22nd to Darlene Tegtmeier. Darlene will provide a list of what each committee's 2023 budget request was, what has actually been used, and what is remaining to date for each committee. It was noted that we need to be aware when putting forth our numbers for 2024 that we prayerfully consider our "needs" first, and our "wishes" secondary. A budget committee meeting has been set for October 26th at 7 p.m.

The new sound system is scheduled to be installed the first week of November.

Sonja Sporleder provided a written report from the Memorial Committee.

Darlene Tegtmeier reminded everyone of the October 21st Ham Dinner. There will be a sign-up sheet for volunteers in the narthex. Spread the word to friends and neighbors to attend. Pre-sale price of tickets will be the same as at the door. Proceeds will be donated to various causes.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Darlene Tegtmeier and seconded by Christy Petersen to adjourn. The motion carried. The meeting was closed with prayer at 7:49 p.m.