

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER --- CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, September 10, 2024
6:00pm Executive Committee Meeting
6:30pm Council Meeting

Council Members: Laurie Tennis, Monte Hopper, Codi Martin, Ryan Nuttall, Ann DeSpiegler, Gwen McGillivray, Jan Birkeland, Jessica Kruse, Alan Stager.

Advisory: Pastor Dan Overbo and Pastor Laura Overbo.

Those Absent: Ann DeSpiegler

Call to Order: Monte Hopper

Opening Prayer: Pastor Dan Overbo

Approve Agenda: Motion to approve by Codi M, second by Alan S. Motion passed.

Treats: Laurie

Thank-you Notes: None noted. Thanks to all who helped with the church directory.

Review / Approve August 13th, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes: Motion by Monte H., second by Jan B. Motion passed.

(Note: adjust Debt Reduction amount in minutes from 95,903.05 to 95,930.05)-amendment was made in August 13, 2024 minutes.

Review / Approve August 2024 Treasurer's Report: Total August Income \$70,041.48. Total August Expenses \$86,213.66. August Mission of the Month was for Watertown Sandwich Ministry which brought in an additional \$2,096.67 from special offerings and noisy can. Year to date income of \$795,892.12 with expenses of \$772,675.70. Remaining surplus of \$23,216.36. \$233,899.04 paid for roof repair and shingle and \$95,930.05 to debt reduction. Current mortgage of \$179,800.15. Motion by Gwen M. to approve August 2024 Treasurer's Report. Second by Jessica K. Motion passed.

Old Business:

- Interest from Capital Campaign/Capital Improvement. Held in the Money Market at First Interstate Bank earning 2.75% Interest. This will continue to stay in the current account. All council members were aware of this money staying in the current account.

New Business:

- Todd from American Trust Insurance reviewed the policy. Motion by Laurie to approve the renewal of Acuity policy as may be amended to improve the premium to due new shingle placement and wind/hail by-back second by Jan. Motion passed. A second quote was requested from another company and no response was received.
- Choir Director- Kristy Tostenson Budget reflects a stipend of \$300. Proposal to add \$150/mo for 4 months and then adjust the 2025 budget. Motion by Alan S to increase stipend to \$450/month for the remaining 4 months. Second by Gwen M. Motion passed.
- Sept. 21, 22 & 25 Roof and Debt Reduction Celebration- Council help serve ice cream. Sign up sheet was passed around.
- Other?

Pastor's Reports:

- Pastor Dan and Laura-Bible milestone for 3rd grade will be completed this coming weekend. Thankful for all the help for the directory. Two rows of chairs have been removed from the back of the sanctuary to the back of the chapel due to needing more room for flow and decrease fire hazard and needing more seating for confirmation students in the chapel. There will be a candle on the alter used for acolytes to light the tappers. Gods Work Our Hands will be making kits and confirmation students will be completing the cemetery clean up at a later date. New member welcoming will be Sept 28th, 29th and October 3rd. Adult Bible Study sign up is started. Lego study went well. Helping coverage for Grace Lutheran while their pastor is on vacation. Received an assessment from Homeland Security for the assessment that was completed. Sewing day is September 24th and Hospice gowns and Global Health Kits will be completed. Diamond Dinner will begin Faith Pen Pals with 5th grade students. 1 wedding was completed.

Committee Reports

- Faith Formation-Codi-no updates
- Fellowship - Gwen- no updates
- Policy - Monte- working on policy on how to distribute money through the Care Fund. In the process of developing a policy around the Care Fund Process.
- Preschool - Laurie- no updates
- Property - Alan-concrete repair is being completed and will be poured Thursday. Rubber mats have been placed at the end of the ramp by the preschool to help with the 2 inch gap. Carpet will be replaced in the 4 sitting pods on September 19th and new furniture will then be installed in the south east pods the Monday following.
- Stewardship - Jan -poster will be coming and sermon series will follow on this years stewardship.
- Worship and Music - Ryan-difficulty with the live stream discussion was had. Meeting again October 22nd to talk about advent. Needing piano and guitar players, there is an additional piano player who will be starting for Wednesdays

- Youth & Family- Jessica- looking into the next step of the directory
- Mission & Endowment - Ann-no updates

Upcoming Events at LCOOR:

- Sept. 11 First Wed. Church School, Confirmation and Worship
- Sept 15: God's Work, Our Hands
- Sept. 21, 22 & 25: Roof and Debt Payment Celebration
- Oct. 5: Diamond Dinner
- Oct. 9: Harvest Fest

Next Meeting:

- October 8 , 2024
 - 6:00 p.m. Executive committee
 - 6:30 p.m. church council

Closing Prayer: Pastor Laura Overbo

Meeting Adjourned: Motion by Ryan N, second by Gwen M. Motion passed.

Treats: Gwen