

American Lutheran Church
October Council Meeting
October 9, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm by President Christy Phillips. Present were Christy Phillips, Barb Hayek, Shirley Bergman, Cindy Gosse, Beth Stanek, and Sheila Collins. Mitchell Hayek joined by phone. Sue Hoey was absent.

Devotions were led by Christy Phillips.

Cindy Gosse made a motion to approve the agenda. Second by Shirley Bergman. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report - Barb Hayek made a motion to approve the August 14, 2023 Treasurer's Report. Second by Sheila Collins. Motion carried. The checking account balance at the end of September was \$9387.14. Cindy Gosse has updated several designated accounts. Christy Phillips will check with the Financial Secretary about quarterly Giving Statements and a Benevolence Report. Sheila Collins made a motion to approve the September 11, 2023 Treasurer's Report. Second by Beth Stanek. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report – Cindy Gosse made a motion to approve the September 11, 2023 Secretary's Report. Second by Shirley Bergman. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Hospitality – No report.

Memorial – The committee submitted an updated Memorial and Special Gifts Policy and Gift Receipt. After discussion, it was decided to table approval until revisions have been made.

Parish Ed – Wednesday Worship is well attended and enjoyed by all.

Property – Parsonage: Even Family Tree Service trimmed the trees. Pat Winblade and Barb Hayek worked on the front yard landscaping. One bedroom window does not open properly. The vacuum needs to be replaced. Barb Hayek made a motion to allow Mike Mostek to store his car in the parsonage detached garage in exchange for snow removal. Second by Sheila Collins. Motion carried.

Church: Prayer Garden trees and shrubs were trimmed by Wayne Schneider, Ray Zummak, and Randy Frush. The insurance temperature and water sensors are in place. Alerts are set up to be sent to Cindy Gosse, Maureen Even, and Mike Waring. Electrician Dave Becker will be contacted to check the flickering pendant light on the west side of the sanctuary. Contact Heartland Technology if the internet goes down and the modem needs rebooted.

Scholarship – No report.

Technology – No report.

Worship and Music – An Ecumenical Thanksgiving service is set for November 22, 2023 at 4:00 pm at Barclay Presbyterian Church.

Youth – Plans to attend the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans next spring are underway. The participants will schedule a presentation to the congregation about their upcoming trip.

Call Committee – Inquiry will be made of the Synod to see if there has been any interest in our site profile.

New Business

Children's Corner – For now we will update the busy bags and continue to consider the need and possibility of a children's corner.

Active/Inactive Directory List – A correction needs to be made to the By-Laws to match the language in the Constitution about what qualifies as an active member. A report needs to be obtained from the Financial Secretary. Updating the Directory List will be put on hold.

A joint council meeting with Zion will be scheduled in November. Topics for discussion include Sunday worship times and whether to have December 24th Sunday morning services in addition to the evening services.

Barb Hayek made a motion to give the Thanksgiving offering to the Independence Area Food Pantry. Second by Cindy Gosse. Motion carried. A noisy offering will be collected in November and December for the National Youth Gathering.

Old Business

Applicants for the Secretary/Resource Coordinator Job position will be scheduled for interviews.

Pulpit Supply is filled through November.

Correspondence

Pastor Mandy McCleary from United Methodist Church sent an invitation to a Prayer Bead Workshop on October 16 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at UMC.

Deacon Assignments for November

5 – All Saints Sunday Christy Phillips
12 – Barb Hayek
19 –
26 – Sheila Collins

Cindy Gosse made a motion to adjourn. Second by Barb Hayek. The meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheila Collins,
Secretary