

Peace Lutheran Church Council Minutes
October 26, 2023

New start time 6:30 pm

Opening Prayer- Pastor Melissa

Call to Order- Tim Pauley, Council President

Mission Statement recited in unison by all.

Attending the meeting: Tim Pauley, Sara Haase, Dawn Peer, Jason Swanson, Linda Moore, Ronda Haley, Pastor Maggie Isacson and Pastor Melissa. Unable to attend: Joe Kahl.

Review the Secretary's report from last month- Ronda motioned to approve with changes made, Sara 2nd, unanimous approval.

Review the Treasurer's Report-Discussed tithings to Peace via Vanco, Offering and Bill pay. We discussed breaking tithing down and reporting it in that manner. Tim will speak with Cheryl and ask for that breakdown. Per the Operating Statement/Treasurer's Report we have a net positive cash flow which is very good news. The financial documents are much easier for all of us to follow. Thank you, Tim for all your hard work. The mortgage and the furnace replacements are Tim's priorities to have designated funds for. During the Congregational meeting in November, Tim will encourage Peace members to give/donate to general funds. Discussion regarding hiring Carlson-Highland to manage our books. Dawn motioned to approve, Jason 2nd, unanimous approval. Balance sheet acknowledged and reviewed.

Ministry Reports

Pastoral Report-Regarding the "All Committee Gathering" the purpose is for all committee members to come together with Council members and work together towards a common goal. In addition to setting Peace up with unified goals for our future success. The meeting will take place on January 7th 2024 from 5 to 7pm. Location TBD. Sad news, Becky Anderson has resigned from her position as Sunday School Director. She feels she can serve better as a volunteer and not a leader. Sara motioned to approve, Dawn 2nd, unanimous approval. PM announced that Peace has 5 new families joining Peace on Nov. 7th. Linda motioned to approve the new members, Amber 2nd, unanimous approval. Quick note from PM; we have more people worshipping at 9a service than we had at the previous 8:30 and 10:30 services combined. Good News!

Education Ministry notes included.

Outreach Ministry notes included. Under Feed My Starving Children, It states our commitment to this is 7K. The reality is we have 7K but our commitment is 3K. Tim recommends that we send it all. Council agrees.

Parish Relations report- Tim has contacted the realtor selling our 3rd lot property next to the old Church on Cty. Rd F. Shari thinks she has a buyer. Tim will follow up. Peace was contacted by ATT to possibly put a cell tower on our property. The reimbursement details are not worked out at this time. Tim will be contacting the Property Committee and the Cemetery Committee for their input. Council thinks the idea has merit. Tim shared the first draft with 3 budget proposals for the council to discuss. Council will be having a Zoom meeting to discuss further after we have a chance to consider the pros and cons of the options. Parish Relations is working on the Benefit packages for full time employees. Portico will no longer be used after 12-31-2023.

Youth Ministry-19 kids being confirmed. Ham dinner was very profitable for the Youth.

Worship Ministry did not meet

Life and Growth Ministry-Sara reported that they have not met but did share some upcoming items. Loony Lutherans will be at Peace on Nov. 12. It will not be a Christmas program. Sara also shared that she received a very nice letter in her mailbox to invite people to Zion Lutheran. She asked if Peace would be interested in doing any recruiting of this type.

Offering counting will now be done on Monday's with Pat. Maggie, Linda, Sara and Ronda will rotate Monday's.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Moore, Secretary