

September 21, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes

In person attendance: Tim Pauley, Ronda Haley, Linda Moore, Jason Swanson, Dawn Peer, Sara Haase, Joe Kahl, Amber Chapman, Pastor Maggie and Pastor Melissa.

Guest: Philip Everhardt, representative of the Cemetery Committee. Philip shared what the Cemetery Committee has accomplished and projects in the works. He also issued an open invitation for Council to come to them if there are any questions.

Opening Prayer-Pastor Melissa

Call to Order-Tim

Mission Statement-"A Family of Christ~ Spirit Fed, Grace Led"

Review Secretary's Reports- July 20 Minutes motioned to approve with changes made by Ronda, 2nd Jason. Unanimous approval. August 17 Minutes motioned to approve with changes made by Sara, 2nd Ronda, unanimous approval. Ronda requested that council minutes be sent out within a week of our meeting for a task reminder for Council members.

Treasurer's Report-Tim has continued doing work on Peace Lutheran Financial accounting and has "slimmed" it down. Income and Expense sheet included. A question of how Ministry's will know if they are working in their budgets was asked. Each Ministry will work off an Excel spreadsheet. One of our goals for the future is to keep the financial reports as simple as possible. Dawn suggested that we (Tim) do once a month updates for the Congregation. P.M. suggested one of us also does Council updates. Treasurer's report reviewed by Council.

Old Business: Tim updated the Council on the current status of the conversation of an accounting service. It was more costly than Tim anticipated. He does think it would be a worthwhile expenditure. Carlson is willing to decrease the monthly cost if we get the financials straightened out sooner. The cost might be 15K a year. PM stated, with the money we would be paying an accounting service, she could hire an Education Person. While this sentiment was agreed on, the financial reporting is not something we can do without. P.M. suggested that for Council to do its due diligence, we should get one other bid.

New Business-All Ministries should be looking at your budgets. There will be discussion at our next meeting preparing for the 2024 Budget cycle. Tim shared his cell 715.220.5728 and his direct line at work 715.294.5959 for any questions.

Loony Lutherans will be performing 11/12. Same day as the congregational meeting. Tim signed an agreement with Shari Steele to list the 3rd lot that Peace still owns by St. Peter's Church. Shari did a market analysis and suggested listing for 45K. Joe made that motion and Sara 2nd. Unanimous approval.

Ministry Reports-Dawn still looking for additional help for Education. There are enough teachers.

Stewardship-Maggie and Diane attended a seminar and passed information on to PM. Outreach is holding the clothing drive in October. We would like to continue Christmas in July (2024). Worship-they did not meet. Ronda sent around Communion sign up for Sept and Oct. Pat will be sending a Google doc to the council of the dates and names. Youth-Amber respectfully asked for ½ of the Bus Fund to offset the rising cost of transporting youth to Mission trips. Tim shared that those funds are in general operating and are not able to be paid out at this time. More discussion in the future."The first youth service was amazing."Kwik Trip cards available. Trollhaugen bake sale 10/8. Bazaar is 11/18. Amber shared that Youth will no longer be doing the garage sale. Property met via email. The only discussion was how Rally Day would be handled. The next meeting will be in person in October.

The PM was asked "what is your vision of how you'd like to be staffed?" PM would like an Education person and a visiting Pastor.

Ronda moved to adjourn and Tim 2nd. Unanimous approval.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Moore, Secretary