

April 14, 2025 Council Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6:28 p.m. by President Maureen Even.
Present: Pastor Mohr-Kelly, Shirley Bergman, Amber Reuter, Mary Adams, Mike Waring, Christy Phillips, Sara Borland, and Cindy Gosse.

Devotion and prayer led by Pastor Pat Mohr-Kelly. (Iona Prayer Book)

Max Kopplin, Hunter Weber, and Kohl Nuehring shared their statements of faith. Pastor made a motion for these three to be confirmed in the faith and as voting members of ALC. Second by Sara Borland. Motion carried.

Candy Lompe shared she is putting together the confirmation service for Sunday, May 4th. Robes, stoles, and boutonnieres will be provided by ALC. Maureen will talk to Chris about ordering the flowers for the sanctuary and the boutonnieres.

Cindy Gosse asked to add approval of the audit to the agenda. Sara Borland motioned to approve the agenda with the addition. Second by Shirley Bergman. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Last month's water bill had gone down. Fixing the leak took care of issue that was causing the previously higher water bill. CD came in and renewed at 4.2% for 3 months. Donations coming in are steady. Sara Borland asked about the "Simply Giving" option and if there was a cost associated it. Mike said there is, but is minimal in comparison to the number of members using it.

Mary Adams motioned to approve the Treasurer's report from 4/12. Second by Shirley Bergman. Motion carried.

Secretary Report:

Cindy Gosse motioned to approve the March minutes. Second by Mike Waring. Motion carried.

Shirley Bergman requested that approved minutes be sent within 24 hours to Chris. She pointed out that on the website, under council minutes, a few months were missing. The missing month's were in The Lamp section of the website.

Committee Reports:

Hospitality Reports:

Nuerings will host hospitality for Easter and the Warings will host last Sunday in April. Sara Borland will organize the hospitality hosts for May.

Parish Ed/Youth:

Wednesday Worship is over for the year. There are two weeks of confirmation left. Confirmation service will be May 4th. "Pizza, Puzzles, and Pop" event is coming up for

the youth group on April 25th. June 13th is the summer kickoff event for the youth group at the Nuehrings. Thursdays with God resumes in May studying Galatians.

Property/Technology:

Mike Waring said he turned up the water heater. The fence at the parsonage is straightened. Mike will look at it to pop it back into place. Richard would like to plant hollyhocks around the mailbox. Maureen suggested a shorter flower around the mailbox. Pastor Pat Mohr-Kelly called to check that they were on the schedule for the dishwasher at the parsonage. Cy & Charley's is coming on 4/15 to repair the parts. Mike mentioned new router is in and we are streaming to YouTube. Anthony Bahe hasn't done the rewiring yet. Maureen found where the box elder bugs are coming in on the southwest door. When it's warmer, she will caulk the spacing that's in the door jam.

Scholarship:

Cindy Gosse received an email from Pat Winblade on behalf of the review committee, including Pat, John Bergman, and Sue Rigdon. One application was received from Katelyn Zelle who will be attending Wartburg. The review committee recommended to approve the \$1,200 budgeted scholarship. Cindy believed in the past we would do what the college would match. Shirley agreed. Sara questioned if it was reoccurring. Students have to reapply every year. Pastor Pat Mohr-Kelly motioned to make the scholarship for the \$750 as that is what Wartburg would match. Second by Christy Phillips. Motion carried.

Worship and Music:

Sara Borland shared notes from the praise and worship meeting that was held on March 18th. Next meeting is May 4th at 4 p.m. May 28th at 6:30 p.m. will be the practice run. Sunday afternoon services will start June 1st at 4 p.m. We will repeat music so people learn songs. Casual service around 45 minutes. Amber Reuter will donate the cost of banners. Shirley talked to Jessica about her 4 p.m. piano practices. We will create a church Google calendar so all church events can be viewable. Shirley asked about the "All Creation Sings" hymnals. There are lots of resources online for that hymnal. Offerings will be collected at the 4 p.m. service and there will be two offering collections, one for the general fund and one for a designated community organization each month. Amber will resize the banner artwork for the postcards that will be sent to active and inactive members.

June 6th and 7th is Synod Assembly in Cedar Falls. Pastor will attend. Christy mentioned that Amanda Phillips may be interested in attending again as well. Registration opens May 15th.

June 8th will be a joint church service out at Zion. Members from both churches will help lead service.

April 27th we will have Dan Mixdorf as Pastor of both ALC and Zion.

Call Committee:

Maureen shared there is an interview on April 24th at 4 p.m. They will take the candidate to both churches as well as the parsonage. Maureen will speak with Amanda Phillips about the time commitment needed coming up as we interview for Pastor and Amanda completes her Masters Degree and her plans to move coming up in May.

Mary pointed out that we have the joint Council meeting scheduled on April 23th. In discussion, we need to postpone this meeting to see how the interview goes on April 24th.

Pastor's Report:

Saturday night service at Zion is on hold until a new pastor is in place.

Youth would like to revamp the "music" room as the youth room. They need to come up with a plan with a timeline and budget. Cindy Gosse motioned for the youth to create a plan to present to Council. Second by Mike Waring. Motion carried.

Pastor Pat Mohr-Kelly would like vacation April 24th through April 29th. Sara Borland motioned to approve Pastor's request. Second by Mary Adams. Motion carried.

New Business:

Jessica Saunders' Recital is June 1. Sara Borland will contact her about convening the timing for the recital, as well as future practices, before 4 p.m., as starting June 1 Praise and Worship Services start at 4 p.m. The Google Calendar will be helpful for this.

Mike Waring mentioned that Chris asked that Council be able to approve events via email that are time sensitive. Sara Borland suggested we be able to respond by a majority quorum. Chris will email any requests to all Council members.

Shirley Bergman will open the church for the Artist Collaborative's meeting at 6:30 on April 28th.

Cindy Gosse asked if our insurance policy coverage has been checked for hosting community/non-congregational activities. Cindy will check with Chase at the insurance company about the liability coverage.

Audit Committee Report was sent to the the Council members. Mary pointed out the Sabbatical Set Aside Fund isn't earning a lot of interest. The Audit Committee recommended purchasing a \$4,000 CD so it is moved to a higher interest fund. Shirley Bergman motion to approve the Audit Committee's suggestion. Second by Sara Borland. Motion carried.

Christy Phillips motioned to approve the audit findings. Second by Shirley Bergman. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Mary Adams will be using the Fireside Room on April 24th at 10:30 a.m. It'll be about 2 hours. They will be done before the scheduled interview.

Building policy was sent to council for review by Shirley Bergman. Church secretary will receive the form. Mike will be the point of contact during events. Sara Borland motioned to approve the building policy with the addition of Mike's contact information. Second by Christy Phillips. Motion carried.

Correspondence:

Mission Investment Fund sent information of their services.
Church Mutual is having an annual meeting.

Pastoral Assessment:

Pastor Pat Mohr-Kelly shared a simple form with council. Cindy shared the synod's form. Maureen will reshare the form to council. Council will send their completed forms directly to Pastor.

Maureen Even mentioned that Chris asked where the Easter envelope offering should go. Cindy Gosse motioned that the Easter envelope offering go to to Independence Food Pantry. Second by Sara Borland. Motion carried.

Deacon Assignments for May:

May 4: Mary; May 11: Mike; May 18: Christy; May 25: Amber

Lord's Prayer was said.

Motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. by Sara Borland. Second by Cindy Gosse. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amber Reuter
Secretary