

American Lutheran Church
January Council Meeting
January 17, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Christy Phillips at 6:31 pm. Present were Christy Phillips, Shirley Bergman, Sue Hoey, and Beth Stanek. Joining by Zoom were Barb Hayek, Cindy Gosse, and Sheila Collins. Mitchell Hayek was absent.

Christy Phillips led devotions.

Sue Hoey made a motion to approve the agenda. Second by Barb Hayek. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – The checking account balance at the end of December, 2023 was \$17,097.51. Beth Stanek made a motion to transfer \$7,097.51 to the General Savings and Emergency Fund. Second by Shirley Bergman. Motion carried. Barb Hayek made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Second by Sheila Collins. Motion carried.

Approval of the Budget for 2024 – In response to suggestions from the Budget Hearing:

- An interview expense of \$1,000 will be added.
- Property insurance will increase to \$7,500.
- The Pastor's Package amounts will be removed with a notation that these amounts are to be determined at the time a Pastor is called. The budget will be amended at that time.

Barb Hayek made a motion to approve the 2024 budget with the above changes. Second by Beth Stanek. Motion carried. The amount budgeted for Synod and Non Synod Benevolence will remain the same. The title of the General Savings and Emergency Fund will remain the same.

Secretary's Report – Cindy Gosse made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2023 Council meeting with two corrections and the minutes of the January 7, 2024 Budget Hearing as written. Second by Barb Hayek. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Hospitality – No report.

Parish Ed – Wednesday Worship was canceled last week due to weather. The committee is still looking for new members, possibly including an older youth member. First communion was canceled due to weather. A new date is being determined.

Presidents – Church secretary, Chris Waring, submitted a list of her ongoing activities. Christy Phillips has set up an agenda for the annual meeting. There will not be a Synod Assembly this year. Synod Assembly will alternate annually with a new Synod event titled NEIA Synod Creative, Collaborative, Congregations Event.

Property – (For full report, see binder outside the Secretary's office).

Parsonage: Eric Clark adjusted the furnace duct so the door to the furnace room will now close.

Church: The committee recommends purchase of Levelor Blinds made by American Blinds for replacement of the blinds in the Pastor's study and the Secretary's office. Barb Hayek made a motion to purchase the above-mentioned blinds with money from the Improvement Fund. Second by Cindy Gosse. Motion carried.

Scholarship – No report.

Technology – Mike Waring has been working with Anthony Bahe to improve the quality of the newly installed microphone system.

Worship and Music – (For full report, see binder outside the Secretary's office). The committee met on January 10. Hymns were chosen through April 7. Chris Waring is willing to serve on the committee. The Lenten message is still being worked on. The Jesup Ministerial Association is working on an ecumenical Good Friday service. Alyssa Hoey is seeking to participate in a worship service and request a noisy offering to assist with a mission trip to Jamaica. She is leading a team to work with the deaf.

Youth – The Youth are about to start their Little Caesars Pizza Fundraiser. They have gotten their hotel assignments for the National Youth Gathering and they are on budget.

Call – The committee will conduct an interview of a prospective Pastor on January 26. Chris Waring can no longer serve on the Call Committee now that she is a paid employee (per NEIA Synod guidelines). Cindy Gosse made a motion to appoint Beth Stanek to the Call Committee. Second by Barb Hayek. Motion carried.

Nominating Committee – Has found one member of the congregation willing to run for council: Maureen Even.

New Business

Dr. Merritt Jones will continue to be Head Usher for 2024. Mike Waring will continue to be Financial Secretary for 2024.

Cindy Gosse made a motion to designate the Lenten and Easter offerings to NEIA Synod Lay Leader Ministry Training. Second by Barb Hayek. Motion carried.

ALC will celebrate our 90th Anniversary in July. We will ask Chris Waring to check on available dates with the city for an outside service in the park pavilion. Activities to be determined.

Pulpit supply is filled through May 19, except for Easter Sunday.

Correspondence

Received requests for donations from the Jesup Fire Association and ELCA Ministries.

Deacon Assignments for February

4 – Sheila Collins

11 – Reader only

18 – Sue Hoey

25 – Christy Phillips

Sheila Collins made a motion to adjourn. Second by Barb Hayek. The meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheila Collins,
Secretary

