

American Lutheran Church
March Council Meeting
March 14, 2022

Vice President Sue Hoey called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm both in person and electronically on Zoom. Present were Pastor Kristen Corr Rod, Sue Hoey, Maureen Even, and Shirley Bergman. Joining on Zoom were Loren Corkery, Christa Leach, Mitchell Hayek, and Sheila Collins. Absent was Beth Stanek.

Sue Hoey led devotions by reading "A Penny's Worth" by Allie Braun, used by permission from the *Wartburg College Trumpet*.

Election of President – Beth Stanek, elected President at the February council meeting in her absence, declined the position. Vice President Sue Hoey agreed to become President. Sheila Collins nominated Shirley Bergman as Vice President. Second by Christa Leach. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – The checking account balance at the end of February was \$18,622.45. Mitchell Hayek made a motion to move \$8,000.00 from the checking account to the general savings and emergency fund. Second by Shirley Bergman. Motion carried. Christa Leach made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Second by Sheila Collins. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report – Maureen Even made a motion to approve the Secretary's Report with one correction. Second by Mitchell Hayek. Motion carried.

Committee Reports Note: Full committee reports are available in a binder outside the secretary's office.

Abundant Life – No report.

Hospitality – The quilts and personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief will be blessed in worship on April 3 and packed for shipping on April 9. There will be fellowship after worship on March 27 for Camp Sunday.

Memorial – No report.

Parish Ed – This winter and spring, the Sunday School teachers are finding it easier to teach lessons just for the kids who show up that day, rather than inter-generational lessons. They are open to doing more inter-generational lessons if others are willing to help lead. Planning for VBS will happen soon. The Ministerial chose the evenings of August 14-17 for VBS this year.

Presidents – No report.

Property – Grell Roofing will assess the roof leak and give advice concerning the status of the sanctuary roof. Karr Tuck Pointing will assess leaks in the north wall and south wall of the sanctuary. The church insurance company will add smoke detector protection to our plan at no charge. Curry Construction has submitted a bid of \$3,580.00 (contingent on date of acceptance) to put a steel roof on the parsonage detached garage. Mitchell Hayek made a motion to authorize spending up to \$4,500.00 for Curry Construction to steel roof the parsonage detached garage. Second by Maureen Even. Motion carried. Late winter trimming of shrubs will be done.

Scholarship – No report.

Technology – The committee presented a proposal to purchase equipment to improve the video streaming setup for the sanctuary. It will be operated from the balcony using the existing sound system, which was thought to have a lower priority and will be updated at a future date. Maureen Even made a motion to approve the purchase of the proposed video streaming equipment at an estimated cost of \$1403.45 with money already designated from the memorial fund for technology upgrades. Second by Shirley Bergman. Motion carried. A huge thank you to Anthony Bahe, Brian Tonne, and Charlie Rod for making this possible.

Worship and Music - The committee is thankful for recent volunteers for special music. Plans continue for a Wednesday evening "Midweek Boost" worship service with fellowship, to begin after Easter.

Youth – No report.

Pastor's Report - In the last month: 3 hospital visits (2 ALC, 1 Jubilee)

5 home communion visits (2 ALC, 3 Jubilee)

The ministerial pastors met and began planning for VBS. The dates are Sun-Wed, Aug 14-17 in the evenings. We have reserved the park so that we could have it there again if we decide to do that, or ALC could host. Later this month we will begin planning the Summer Food Program.

Joint Lenten services are going well. It makes me wonder if there would be interest in having joint worship services on Sunday mornings, maybe twice a year, once hosted by ALC and once hosted by Jubilee? Just something to think about.

The services for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday will be held jointly with ALC, Jubilee, UMC, and FPC. Maundy Thursday will be hosted by ALC, and we will have a community choir at that service directed by someone from FPC. UMC will host Good Friday. Both services will be at 7 pm.

On Easter Sunday, (April 17), Jubilee will be having a sunrise service at 7 am instead of the usual 8:30 service. Do we want to move ALC's service earlier as well or keep it at 10am that day? (After council discussion, it was decided ALC will have an Easter donuts fellowship time at 8:30 am and Easter worship at 9:00 am).

I am working on scheduling a communion class for 3rd and 4th graders, hopefully sometime in the next month or so.

March 27 will be Camp Sunday and I am working on connecting with the camp families to see how they might be willing to be involved in the service.

Upcoming meetings– March 15 I have a meeting of the Food Pantry Board, March 19 I have a Synod Council meeting, and March 31 I will be participating in Synod Day of Renewal.

New Business

Maureen Even made a motion to approve the Youth, Parish Ed, and Nominating Committee policies. Second by Christa Leach. Motion carried. Shirley Bergman made a motion to approve the Custodial Duties job description. Second by Sheila Collins. Motion carried.

Church Directory updates on Google Drive have been completed.

Kristi Clayton will have use of the fellowship hall on July 16.

Old Business

Two delegates are needed for Synod Assembly June 10 and 11 at Wartburg College.

We are still searching for a council representative to fill the position temporarily held by Maureen Even.

Correspondence

A thank you was received from the NEIA Synod for \$12,099.00, which fulfilled our pledge to mission support for 2021.

Deacon Assignments – Were made for April.

Maureen Even made a motion to adjourn. Second by Shirley Bergman. The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheila Collins,
Secretary