

American Lutheran Church
May Council Meeting
May 13, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 6:25 pm President Christy Phillips

Present Barb Hayek, Maureen Even, Cindy Gosse, Recording Secretary Chris Waring. Mitchell Hayek by phone Absent: Shirley Bergman
Maureen Even led devotions.

Maureen Even made a motion to approve the agenda. Cindy Gosse seconded Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Cindy Gosse stated that she did not review the minutes of the last meeting until the previous evening and did not make the transfer of \$479.58 from savings to checking that was approved at the April meeting. Maureen Even made a motion to transfer \$479.58 from savings into checking. Barb Hayek seconded. Motion carried. Barb Hayek made a motion to approve the treasurers report. Mitch Hayek seconded. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report – Cindy Gosse clarified the procedure for recording and preserving minutes from a closed session as Recording Secretary Chris Waring had no previous experience. The section of the closed meeting is not to be printed in the meeting minutes, they are to be printed separately, put in a sealed envelope, dated and put into the safe. Recording Secretary Chris Waring will make corrections to the previous joint Call Committee and Council minutes. Motion was made by Cindy Gosse to approve the minutes as corrected. Maureen Even seconded. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Hospitality – A few of the Mother's Day gifts were left over. Graduation cake has been ordered for May 19th service.

Parish Ed – Recording secretary Chris Waring attended the Jesup Ministerial meeting on May 13th in the am and the dates for Summer Vacation Bible School have been set for August 4-8th to be held in the city park. Back up location if inclement weather will be at Jesup Bible Fellowship. Christy Phillips agreed to helping with the crafts.

Presidents Maddison Ahmann is requesting her membership be transferred from St. Paul Lutheran in Holstein, Ia., Christy Phillips will sign the transfer letter for Secretary Chris Waing to mail. Chris received a phone call from Jason, the representative from Gordon Fletch. Gordon Fletch is the company that we hold the lease with for our copier. Our lease runs out in two months. Cindy Gosse is familiar with the contract, she will contact Jason, get the details and bring the information to the next council meeting.

Property-Update from the first report emailed from Pat Winblade to the council on May 8th. President Christy Phillips received update May 13th in the afternoon: Barb and Mike Mostek removed the car from the parsonages detached garage. The Property committee has the ability to use the budgeted monies for improvements to the parsonage, unless if the purchase is for an appliance or above the \$2500.The

dehumidifier that is no longer working from the basement of the parsonage needs to be brought up from the basement and have it taken to the city dump or have Thomas James pick up for \$15 each. Cindy Gosse stated she would donate a used dehumidifier for the use at the parsonage, but not sure if it is working order. Motion was made by Barb Hayek to purchase a dehumidifier for the parsonage if the donated one does not work. Seconded by Maureen Even. Motion carried. Maureen Even applied Weed and Feed on the church property. The hostas at the parsonage were recently divided, Lilly of the valleys will be left to fill in the triangle of the sidewalks, the ones on the south side of the front door will be removed.

Scholarship – No report

Worship and Music – No report

Youth – Preparing to leave for New Orleans Youth Gathering, the Blessing send-off will be scheduled for either July 7th or 14th. Sara Borland had contacted the other churches in Jesup inquiring about an Ecumenical youth group and there was no interest.

Call Committee-No report

Audit Report-President Christy Phillips read the report and during the reading it was felt that the first item on the review was a repeat from last year's report. Treasurer Cindy Gosse will review the report and communicate with the Audit Committee. Motion made by Maureen Even to approve the Audit Committee report. Seconded by Barb Hayek. Motion carried.

Cindy Gosse left the meeting at 6:49pm

New Business

- Jessica Saunders requested the use of a Sunday School room or Fellowship room for Pre-K students through 1st grade voice music classes, four to five weeks this summer. The parents of the children would be encouraged to attend, and the classes would be capped off at eight students. Jessica noted in her request that she thought this was part of her original agreement to use the church but wanted to approval again with the exact dates and times. Barb Hayek does not recall this specific request when first approved. Jessica would like to do a trial run in July: Monday morning two classes and one in the early evening. Maureen questioned the Monday evening time because the Council always meets the second Monday of the month. Questioned if Jessica will be responsible for cleaning up after classes? The council decided that the Sunday School room with the piano would be the best location for these classes. Maureen Even asked for the exact dates to aid in the planning and setting up for the church's 90th anniversary on July 28th. Barb Hayek made a motion to approve the use of the Sunday School room with the piano. Discussion: The questioned was asked if the Church would be liable for any accident or injury to the children since this would be Jessica's business not a church function. The council will ask Cindy Gosse to check this with our insurance before approving this request. Christy Phillips will inform Jessica that we are checking with insurance before approving this request and that we would need exact dates and times, and if approved the Sunday school room with the piano is the assigned room. Barb Hayek made a motion to table the motion she made until next month. Maureen Even seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- Ecumenical Service June 23rd at 9:30am at the Jesup park pavilion. Jubilee and Jesup Bible fellowship are not participating.
- The C3 Ministry for our Synod will be held on June 1st at Wartburg. Amanda Phillips will be attending.

Registration is \$50 per attendee; this fee will be covered by our church. Cindy Gosse will need to pay by May 24th. Amanda Phillips will be delivering the “Take the Cake” and sanitary products to the event. Chris Waring noted that there have been funds donated for these two projects in the Benevolence account, she will use these funds to purchase items needed for “Take the Cake” and the sanitary products. An offering will be taken for the Synod Companion Hungary Fund to support the ministries of the ELCA in Hungary. Maureen Even made a motion to approve a donation of \$250 for the offering. Barb Hayek seconded. Motion approved. These funds will be taken from the current account.

- Secretary Chris Waring requested an early deadline date of June 11th for the LAMP due to her being out of the office from June 17th to July 7th. She will send out an email to those that need to be informed of the change of date. The bulletins will be ready for print for the Sundays when she will be absent. Maureen Even will add the announcements and print.

Old Business

- 90th Anniversary committee- Maureen Even stated that we will not be participating in the Farmers Day Parade due to lack of interest from the congregation. Chris Waring is getting quotes for noon meal for two meats and cookies. Maureen Even will also be ordering a cake. The rest of the meal will be potluck by members attending the celebration. Décor will be kept simple, will be doing a Faith of Family tree. Chris Waring will be making a Power Point to be running, not during the service. Sending invitations to prior Pastors of the congregation.
- Pulpit supply is filled up to September 29th, June 9th was filled the afternoon of this meeting with Pastor Kevin Ericson. Bishop Kevin Jones will be presiding over worship for our anniversary in July. Jubilee has been informed and they will still be holding their regular service.

Correspondence Letter from LSI stating that Bremwood will no longer be a facility for troubled youth. Bremwood will still be in existence in a different capacity. Secretary Chris Waring will paraphrase the letter and publish it in the LAMP.

Requests for donations were received from the following: Buchanan County Sheriff’s Office requesting funds for Child safety and Drug prevention education. Camp EWALU, ELCA These donation requests are tabled for Thanksgiving and Christmas. A question asked if we have any children going to camp, members of the council were unaware of any other than Charlie Stanek. There a funds set aside in the budget to financially assist families if needed. Secretary Chris Waring will send an email informing our members of this fund and to let her know if there is a need.

Thank you from The Zion Church Council expressed their gratitude for the use of our basement for their confirmation banquet. They especially appreciated the accommodation, which enabled their members in a wheelchair to attend the event comfortably.

Deacon Assignments for June:

2nd Maureen Even

9th Maureen Even

16th

23rd None needed Ecumenical Service

30th Christy Phillips

Barb Hayek made a motion to adjourn. Second by Maureen Even. Meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Waring, Recording Secretary