

American Lutheran Church
November Council Meeting
November 13, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm by President Christy Phillips. Present were Christy Phillips, Barb Hayek, Cindy Gosse, Shirley Bergman, and Sheila Collins. Mitchell Hayek joined by phone. Beth Stanek was absent.

Barb Hayek led devotions.

Sheila Collins made a motion to amend the agenda with two additional items. Second by Sue Hoey. Motion carried. Mitchell Hayek made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Second by Shirley Bergman. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – The checking account balance at the end of October was \$1,3081.70. Our Certificate of Deposit came due and was renewed for seven months at 5.0% interest. Mitchell Hayek made a motion to authorize the Treasurer to renew CD's as they come due. Second by Sue Hoey. Motion carried. Mitchell Hayek made a motion to transfer \$3,081.70 from the checking account to the General Savings and Emergency Fund. Second by Sheila Collins. Motion carried. Barb Hayek made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Second by Sue Hoey. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report – Cindy Gosse made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2023 Council meeting, the October 23, 2023 Special Council meeting, and the November 12, 2023 ALC/ZLC Joint Council meeting. Second by Shirley Bergman. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Hospitality – No report.

Memorial – Cindy Gosse made a motion to approve the revised Memorial Policy and Gift Receipt. Second by Sue Hoey. A roll call vote was requested. Cindy Gosse, Shirley Bergman, Sue Hoey, and Sheila Collins voted Yea. Barb Hayek and Mitchell Hayek voted Nay. Motion carried. Christy Phillips will send the new policy and receipt form to the Church Secretary so she can make it into a brochure. It will also be given to the Financial Secretary. The committee suggests giving some of the undesignated funds towards the National Youth Gathering in 2024.

Parish Ed – The children's Christmas Program will be December 17 during worship. First communion classes have been scheduled with instructor Sue Hoey.

Presidents – No report.

Property – Parsonage: The parsonage is checked on about every two weeks. Thanks to Barb Hayek for removing the raspberry bushes. Shirley Bergman will check on the progress of composing a written renter's agreement for any future occupant, detailing what is permitted for the structure and grounds. There is a city water survey that needs to be completed for both the parsonage and the church. Barb Hayek made a motion for Cindy Gosse to purchase a new vacuum for the parsonage, not to exceed \$100.00. Second by Cindy Gosse. Motion carried.

Church: Independence Plumbing, Heating, and Cooling will repair the toilet in the men's basement restroom and do the yearly furnace checks at the same time. Electrician, Dave Becker, repaired the flickering pendant light in the sanctuary. The committee is recommending the purchase of a new microphone for the pastor (see New Business).

Scholarship – No report.

Technology – No report.

Worship and Music – Hymns have been chosen through January 14, 2024. Christmas decorating will be after worship on November 26 and taken down after worship on December 31 by Youth and the congregation. Special music for services is being encouraged. Christy Phillips will have the secretary email confirmation students about participating as Scripture readers.

Youth – The Youth will address the congregation on November 19 about their upcoming trip to the National Youth Gathering in 2024. A fundraiser list has been published.

Call Committee – Waiting for response to request for information from Synod representative Liz Albertson who has been on vacation.

New Business

- The Presbyterian Church has offered for area churches to help share the cost to sponsor a concert by Blake & Jenna Bolerjack. The total cost of their concert is approximately \$2,000.00. Sheila Collins made a motion to decline the offer. Second by Barb Hayek. Offer declined.
- Pastor's Wireless Microphone – Barb Hayek made a motion to use Memorial Funds designated for online services to purchase a new Pastor's wireless microphone system in the amount of \$329.00. Second by Cindy Gosse. Motion carried.
- Offering Envelopes and Communion Count – Offering envelopes and "I give online" envelopes will be placed in the pews. Christy Phillips will ask Secretary Chris Waring if she prefers to count communion cards from the pews or continue with the sign in sheet. We need an accurate count for the Synod and to establish qualified voting members.
- The Budget workshop will be on December 11, 2023 after the council meeting. The Budget Hearing will be after worship on January 7, 2024. The annual meeting is set for January 21, 2024.
- The Christmas offering will go to the Synod Good Gifts Program (similar to Heifer International). We will let the children pick which gift to send.
- Holiday Services will be December 24 morning service at 8:30 am and evening service at 4:30 pm. ALC will host Lenten services on February 14 (Ash Wednesday), February 28, February 13, and March 28 (Maundy Thursday). Alternating with ZLC.
- Christy Phillips will ask our new secretary Chris Waring if she feels she has any conflict remaining on the Call Committee.

Old Business

- Sue Hoey volunteered to be lay leader for February 11.
- Children's Corner – Christy Phillips will have the secretary order some advent calendars and free materials from the ELCA for the busy bags.
- The Active/Inactive Directory List is being worked on.
- Pulpit Supply is filled through March 24.
- Christy Phillips will remind the nominating committee of openings that need to be filled.
- Secretary Chris Waring will post established office hours.

Correspondence

EWALU is having a fund-raising campaign for their Cedar at 60 renovation project.

Deacon assignments for December

3 – Sheila Collins
10 – Barb Hayek
17 – Christy Phillips
24 – 8:30
4:30 Christy Phillips
31 – Cindy Gosse

Sue Hoey made a motion to adjourn. Second by Sheila Collins. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheila Collins, Secretary