

March 10, 2025 Council Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 6:28 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. (1 Peter 4)

Cindy Gosse motioned to approve the agenda. Second by Sara Borland. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

Cindy mentioned the savings is down as expenses overall have gone up. Sara asked if there were anything we need to do about the savings at the moment. Offerings were up the last two weeks, so at the moment there isn't any action to be taken.

Cindy noted that MidAmerican budget billing is increasing per month. The Parsonage MidAmerican bill will adjust from \$62 to \$97. The Church MidAmerican bill will adjust from \$334 to \$413.

Maureen pointed out a correction to the weekly bulletin as the header under the treasury report says Savings and CDs, but the balance is only savings. She will have Chris correct going forward.

We had two snow removal bill. It added to ALC's expenditures and was discussed. Question arose about the easement between parking lot and the neighbor's home. Maureen is going to verify that it's a perpetual easement.

Sara Borland motioned to approve the treasurer reports. Second by Mary Adams. Motion carried.

Secretary Report:

Amber sent for the February 2nd Council Retreat and the February 10th Council Meeting reports to council. Cindy shared the closed session report.

Shirley Bergman motioned to approve the February 2nd Council Retreat and February 10th reports. Second by Sara Borland. Motion carried. Mike Waring motioned to approve the closed session report. Second by Christy Phillips. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Hospitality Reports:

Shirley lined up March fellowship hosts. Thank you to Connie Hamilton, Barb Mostek and Connie Jones, Suanne Westphal, and Brea Witt for hosting in March. Mike volunteered to call and line up the April hosts.

Pastor reminded council that Cyndi Nuehring will bring donuts for Easter Sunday. Mike will verify.

Parish Ed/Youth:

First communion will be on Palm Sunday for the youth. Church will provide cake on graduation Sunday, May 18th.

Christy said there are 3 Wednesday gatherings remaining for the school year. Three 3rd graders will be receiving their Bibles from the Church. Chris has the names for this.

Sara reported that youth group had bowling cancelled Friday because of COVID and the weather. Sara will reach out to Heather Kane to invite their youth from Zion. Maureen mentioned that Ruth Frush said Arnita could add the dates to their bulletins. Sara knows the youth leader at Immanuel and thought there could be some youth collaboration there for activities. Sara would like to train another member of the congregation to take over Youth Group in the future.

Property/Technology:

Maureen found that the "leak" in the men's bathroom by the pantry was not actually leak. It was drainage from the water softener. It did cause some damage to tile. She waxed the area.

Cindy brought up Mike fixed the seal on the upstairs toilet, which hopefully should now be reflected on the water bill. Last Saturday, Maureen found the sink in the women's restroom had been left on and dripping. She had turned it off.

Mike reported that Anthony and Rylan Bahe installed the new TV in the sanctuary that will be used during worship services. The new router is in Pastors office and will be rerouted to the sanctuary. Anthony volunteered to do the wiring for the wifi at cost of the supplies.

Pastor said the wind knocked the neighbor's pine tree down on the fence at the parsonage and impacted the gate as well. The neighbor's homeowner's insurance should cover the cost of the repair. Mike mentioned Millers Fence Company in Waterloo.

Scholarship: Mary hasn't talked to Pat Winblade for a follow up yet. There was 1 application.

Worship and Music:

Shirley reported that Sara is scheduling a meeting the week of the 17th which is spring break. There are 2 youth interested in helping. Amber designed 4 banners for the committee to review and choose from. VistaPrint is about \$50 per banner, plus shipping.

Pastor Mohr-Kelly motioned for the approval of two banners to be purchased. Second by Sara Borland. Motion carried.

Pastor would like us to follow along in the red book during worship and print less in the bulletin to help cut costs on paper and print.

Call Committee:

No report from the Call Committee.

Maureen and Sara shared their meeting with Ruth Frush and Craig Frush. Several ideas were shared for joint activities in the future. Blessings on the quilts will be April 6 prior to the in-gathering on April 12.

Maureen will propose a joint ALC/Zion meeting for March 30th at 4 p.m. with April 6th as a backup. It will be at Zion.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor has been doing a lot of planning for the spring season with Lent, Easter, etc.

New Business:

Artist Collective would like to use the church for their community activity. Rich is a member of ALC, so they could use the space at no charge. They will need to clean up after their meetings. Mike Waring motioned to approve the use of the church by Artist Collective. Second by Sara Borland. Motion carried.

Avast Settlement. Maureen thought the work might be more than what we could get back. Cindy and Sara agreed. Maureen will let Chris know.

Audit Committee has been set. Barb Schneider, Connie Hamilton and Mary Adams. Mary will set a date with Cindy to do the audit.

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Shirley will condense current rental details that will be sent to those using the church.

Cindy said we have been approved by [AED.com](https://aed.com) for a grant cost of an AED through them. There are 6 different styles. She reached out to Rick Wulfekuhle and Dan Walter is working with Buchanan Health Center to get us an AED through their grant program at no cost. We are going to go through the Buchanan Heath Center grant.

Transfer of membership for Teresa Wust to First Methodist was requested.

Pastor Mohr-Kelly motioned to approve Teresa's request. Second by Mary Adams. Motion carried. Maureen will contact Pastor Mandy.

Old Business:

Lent offering from January minutes state that noisy offering and Lenten offerings for March and April go to the ministerial.

Pastor confirmed Maundy Thursday services at ALC will be 5:30 p.m. and Zion will be 7 p.m. Easter will be at Zion at 6:30 a.m. with breakfast at 7:30 a.m. ALC Easter service will be at 9 a.m. with coffee and donuts beforehand at 8:30 a.m.

Maureen brought up setting a meeting for Pastor's 6 month review. Cindy said there are evaluation forms on the synod website to be used. Sara suggested a Google doc that all can use to evaluate the Pastor so it can be done virtually.

Correspondence:

Received a thank you for ELCA Good Gifts donation of \$428.92.

ELCA World Hunger Appeal information.

EWALU Annual Meeting will be March 15th at 1 p.m. We can send 2 voting members. EWALU's Spring Work Day is May 3rd 9 am-4 pm. The Summer Camp Open House is May 10.

Deacon Assignments for April:

April 6th: Mary Adams; April 13: Christy Phillips; April 20: Maureen Even; April 27: Amber Reuter

Lord's Prayer was said.

Motion to adjourn by Sara Borland. Second by Christy Phillips. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amber Reuter