**Council Meeting Minutes**

**September 15th, 2024**

**Call to Order**

President John called the meeting to order at 11:39am.

**Roll Call**

-Present: John, Ky, Amy, Carol, Lavonne & Pastor Anna

-Absent: Linda – Excused & James (Plan to replace James with elections at Annual Meeting.)

-Five voting members in attendance, establishing a quorum.

**Devotional** Ky opened the meeting with prayer.

**Approve Previous Months Minutes**

Motion – Ky moved and Amy seconded – “to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2024 Council meeting as submitted” – motion was approved unanimously.

**Review Proposed Agenda**

-Add Promotion of Church and Fall/Christmas events to New Business.

**Reports**

**Pastor -**

***Activities since the August Council Meeting:***

-Joined Mission table committee for the Alaska Synod

-Met with Cindy

-Met with Gary and Linda for communion with follow up calls and planning for memorial service

-Worship and Music planning meeting

-Bishop Installation

-New reusable bulletin creating and printing

-Attended Synod huddle meetings and Synod youth meetings

-Helped create a video for Golden Connections program for LSSA

-Attended Harvest of Hope Auction

-Continued to organize rooms downstairs, ordered new door signs

-Made a little free library for the preschoolers in the downstairs hallway

-Planning meeting for Confirmation on Sundays with Central, Gloria Dei, Lutheran Church of Hope and St. Marks with additional joint Sunday School and Adult Faith Formation 5-7pm on Sundays, 6 week session in Fall (before advent), 6 week session in Winter (after advent before Lent), icebreakers, 5:15-5:45 dinner, singing and group learning until 6pm, 6-7pm breakoff into separate groups for instruction (Sunday school, Confirmation, adult faith formation)

***Pastor Anna’s Hours 8/4 to 9/8***

(Begin with 26.5 hours over)

8/4 > 23/23 hours

8/11 > 8/23 hours (15 under for the week)

(Balance === 11.5 hours over)

8/18 > 15/23 hours (8 under for the week)

(Balance === 3.5 hours over)

8/25 > 20/23 hours (3 hours under for the week)

(Balance === 0.5 hours over)

9/1 > 23/23 hours

9/8 > 25/23 hours (2 hours over for the week)

(End with 2 hours over)

***Future Activities:***

-Admin future: update printed directory and talk to newcomers about becoming members. [Discussion in Council Meeting: Pastor Anna will take photos for the directory. The printed directory will have an ‘as-of’ date with updates every 6 months. There is an online App for $10 per month. Some members previously expressed concerns about having the directory online; it would only be accessible by request.]

-Start up Sunday School after church 2nd and 4th Sundays

-Sea Life Center youth event

-Synod collegium October 29-31st at Big Lake, continuing ed and gathering of clergy

-Memorial Service for Gary; will the boiler be working?.

-Enstar billing is estimated per month (will get a big refund at the end)

-Start up Gather Magazine Bible Study for the year (last Monday of the month at 10:30am)

**President -** No report

**Treasurer** -

-Jamie moving to Denver at the end of October. She can do most of the work online; Amy will print the physical checks for signature. Amy will follow up with Jamie on procedures.

-Back-up pianist for services?

-Pianist from another Church will play for Beer & Hymns events.

**Building Maintenance** **-**

-Chairlifts are not working. Are the parts on order?

-Yoga group has left for a larger space. They gave thanksgiving for the space.

-Water coming in on the wall that will lead to major foundation issues (French drain) call contractors and estimates (radio room also gets water)

-Preschool door not closing, lights not turning on, an no hot water [follow-up actually doing ok.]

-Snowplowing is set up with Obe for the winter.

-Porta Potty for the Garden will be shutting down for the winter soon.

-Sensor from the insurance company needs to be installed.

**Old Business**

**Boiler Follow up**

-Estimate for Boiler: $77,500

-Current Contributions $25,000 to $30,000

-Received an anonymous donation of $25,000

***-Estimated Additional Funds Needed: $22,500 to $27,500***

-Memorial Fund Current Balance: $38,000

-The Congregation approved Council purchasing a new boiler with an estimated cost of up to $80,000. We can liquidate a portion of the Memorial Fund and borrow the needed funds from ourselves. We can work toward replenishing the Memorial Fund for the original intent voted on by the Congregation.

-Repaying the funds will be discussed at the next council meeting.

-Should update the congregation on the status of boiler donations. (John & Pastor Anna)

-Can contact Preschool and Redeemer to request donations for the boiler.

-Options for Gary’s Memorial Service if boiler is not installed?

Motion – Ky moved and Lavonne seconded – “the balance of funds needed for the boiler be borrowed from the Memorial Fund” – motion was approved unanimously.

**Building Use Agreement**

**-**Tabled until next Council Meeting.

**Zoom**

-Current Zoom link is experiencing issues. Running a hard line for internet? May be fixed. Pastor Anna to follow up on the issue.

**Old Business**

**Outreach/Promotion of Church and Fall & Christmas Events**

-promotion for Church in surrounding community

-greater South Anchorage outreach, social media vs. physical post card (maybe a better reach with mail)

-Consider monthly Community Outreach postcards to get the word out about events.

-Consider hosting a weekly or monthly non-religious activity.

-Pastor Anna will check out what other Churches are doing.

-Reach out to RC Preschool, Toddler Time group, Boy Scouts, and Yoga group

-postcards and direct mail to addresses (Christmas) maybe about $1 each

-community/neighborhood ideas for **“Come visit us!”**

-Kids game night, perhaps Pizza Friday

-Low barrier fund and engaging way to be of local service

-fall festival or chili cookoff

-trunk or treat! (jack-o-lantern) partner with preschool joint with redeemer too

-indoor trick or treat town

-afterschool study place

-childcare with pizza and bible study

-pet blessing?

-toddler time again?

-reach out to yoga group

**Zoom Issues**

-Current Zoom link is experiencing issues. Running a hard line for internet? May be fixed.

**Decisions / Action Items Review**

-Amy will reach out to Jamie about Treasurer duties and processes.

-John write up an email for boiler donation update with Pastor Anna’s help.

-John set up sensor provided by the insurance company by end of September.

-Pastor Anna will work on directory; just printed or online App for $10 per month?

-Pastor Anna correct Zoom link issues.

-Pastor Anna check out what types of outreach other churches are using

-Check to see if James’ 2 year term is up in January or is he in the 1st of 2 years.

-Estimate for water issues.

-Find back-up piano player.

**Next Council Meeting** October 20th at 11:30am

**Closing Prayer** Pastor Anna Closed the meeting with prayer.

**Adjournment** The meeting was adjourned at 12:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Roadifer

Secretary