

**CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – March,13 2024**

Jamey Backus called the meeting to order. Pastor opened the meeting with a prayer.

Present: Pastor Heller, Jamey Backus, Joslyn Frey, Ray Sorge, Lonny Buchmann, Kevin Hermann, Nona Blaisdell, Joslyn Frey, Anne Rosenow, and Tiffany Sommerer.

Absent: Richard Simenson, Terence Schmidt, Jonathan Schlender

MOTION by Kevin to approve and dispense the reading of the January 2024 council minutes, seconded by Ray, motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Thank you to Nona for making sure we had carmel rolls for the Voter's meeting
- Suggestion from congregation member at Voter's meeting to create a community garden on vacant church lot. Discussion that this would be okay, if there was a volunteer from the congregation to oversee this project. Individual would have to propose a plan for approval. Other considerations would include insurance and liability.

**TREASURER'S REPORT – Joslyn Frey**

Building Fund \$58,367.03, Sunday School \$4,581.24, Music Fund \$2,008.00, Memorial/Misc \$59,421.86, Endowment Interest \$2,216.95, Thrivent \$20,531.87, Savings \$147,126.95, Checking \$128,210.00

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT – Lonny Buchmann –** Found missing deposit, went to bank, error found, and correction done.

As of 03/10/24

Income	YTD	Budget to Date	\$40,851.40
General Fund	\$73,738.00	Income to Date	\$77,208.31
Loose Offering	\$494.00	Short/over to Date	\$36,356.91
Electronic Offering	\$2,676.31	Short/over per Week	\$3,635.69
Missions	\$0.00	Building Fund	\$2,255.00
Misc	\$300.00	Memorial Fund	\$1,500.00
TOTAL	\$77,208.31	Music Fund	\$220.00
		Sunday School	\$0.00
		Miscellaneous	\$0.00
		Thrivent	\$1,532.00
		Endowment Fund	\$0.00
		Total General Savings	\$5,507.00

MOTION by Nona to accept the financial reports, seconded by Kevin, motion carried.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:**

**LAY MINISTRY –** Jonathan Schlender – Absent, no report.

**EVANGELISM –** Vacant – No updates

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** – Terence Schmidt. Absent, no report

**LYF** – Anne Rosenow

- Pizza party at noon on March 24 for grades 6-12 to discuss ideas for activities for the year.

**STEWARDSHIP** – Vacant - No updates

**CHURCH PROPERTIES** – Richard Simenson – Absent, no report.

**PARISH FELLOWSHIP** – Nona Blaisdell

- Received phone call with request for individuals to assist with serving food in Golden Valley for Edwin Miller funeral. Fern Schlender was able to help coordinate help with this. Thank you.
- Church Directory Booklet: 93 individuals took pictures, 17 submitted photos. 8 free booklets with order. \$20/booklet for extras. Will order 25 extra booklets for future members. Thrivent funds will be used for this cost.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS** – Ray Sorge - No updates

MOTION by Kevin to accept director's reports, seconded by Ray, motion carried.

**STATE OF PARISH** – Pastor Heller

- Seeking clarification from District Board of Directors on Resolution 2-3 that was passed at the 2022 District Convention in regards to ongoing ministry partnership between North Dakota District and Lutheran Family Services. Highlights of clarification include: District President and Circuit Visitors of the North Dakota district “vigorously pursue an ongoing partnership with Lutheran Family Services” and that this partnership be “regularly evaluated by the District Board of Directors.” Requesting more information on process of budget determination, collaboration, and evaluation. In 2023, \$30,000 was budgeted. In 2024 \$50,000 was proposed, although this now has been tabled until the 2025 District Convention.
- Elevated concern from congregation member on livestreaming service and audio quality. Pastor has worked with Jay from Dakota Sound on multiple occasions to correct. Requesting assistance. Discussion occurred on limitations of audio equipment. Jamey will contact Jay to see if there are any additional adjustments that can be made.
- School is having difficulty finding bus drivers. Pastor was asked if he would be a back-up driver, he accepted. So now is on-call to help out as a back-up driver if no one else is available.
- Edwin Miller was a member of St. James in Golden Valley and was transferred here. Edwin requested to visit with and have Pastor Peters do his funeral. Pastor Heller respected his wishes.
- Pastor discussed his call to Aberdeen and Columbia, SD with the council.
- Going to be gone April 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>
- Gone week of April 21<sup>st</sup> for Grandson's baptism

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Anne Rosenow is now the Youth Director Chairman of LYF. Welcome!

- Easter lilies will be removed from cooler after Good Friday service so that they are open in time for Easter Service
- Kevin suggested to have wheelchair stored by bell storage area by fans so that it is easily accessible. Wheelchair was taken to Great Plains to be fixed. Repairs completed.
- Discussion on storage/display of Bible from St. James Church in Golden Valley.

MOTION by Casey in agreeance for council approved proposed budget to be presented at Voter's meeting, seconded by Ray, motion carried.

Next meeting May 8 at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned by Kevin, seconded by Ray, closed with Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tiffany Sommerer  
Secretary

Attachment: Plan of Action Items