

**CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – July 10, 2024**

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

Present: Pastor Heller, Jamey Backus, Ray Sorge, Lonny Buchmann, Kevin Herrmann, Richard Simenson, Terence Schmidt, Nona Blaisdell, Jonathan Schlender, and Tiffany Sommerer.

Absent: Joslyn Frey, Anne Rosenow

MOTION by Richard to approve and dispense the reading of the May 2024 council minutes, seconded by Nona, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- New microphone has been ordered. Pastor and Jonathan know how to check battery life on unit
- Special assessment meeting occurred June 27th. Waiting to see when/if there is another meeting
- Lawn mower has been purchased. So far has worked well. Kevin cleaned out the shed.
- 5 Star Roofing hired to come and repair leaking parts of roof. Cost estimate provided for amount of \$4,800.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Joslyn Frey – absent, report received

Building Fund \$62,672.00, Sunday School \$2,102.02, LYF \$2,156.20, Music Fund \$2,103.00, Memorial/Misc. \$60,826.86, Endowment Interest \$2,216.95, Thrivent \$21,073.87, Savings \$153,150.90, Checking \$136,246.74

FINANCIAL SECRETARY’S REPORT – Lonny Buchmann

As of 07/07/24

Income	YTD	Budget to Date	\$110,298.78
General Fund	122,697.00	Income to Date	\$136,256.43
Loose Offering	\$2,109.00	Short/over to Date	\$25,957.65
Electronic Offering	\$9,308.39	Short/over per Week	\$961.39
Missions	\$0.00	Building Fund	\$6,270.00
Misc.	\$2,,142.04	Memorial Fund	\$1,500.00
TOTAL	\$136,256.43	Music Fund	\$220.00
		Sunday School	\$4.50
		Miscellaneous	\$0.00
		Thrivent	\$1,566.00
		Endowment Fund	\$0.00
		Total General Savings	\$9,560.50

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

DIRECTOR’S REPORTS:

LAY MINISTRY – Jonathan Schlender

- Communion ware is starting to flake. Has researched new set. Looking at difference options. Considering stainless steel, as this is reliable. Nona elevated that soup and sandwich money could be used for purchased. Will check amount available. If more needed to use Thrivent funds.
- Discussion in process with other elders for choice of who to sponsor as a student.

EVANGELISM – Vacant – no updates

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – Terence Schmidt – no updates

LYF – Anne Rosenow – not present, no report given

STEWARDSHIP – Vacant - No updates

CHURCH PROPERTIES – Richard Simenson

- Parking lot tarring request placed to city. Waiting for this to be done.
- Emineth Plumbing company reached out stating that there is a new law stating that all underground sprinkler systems must be certified and be tagged for proof of inspection for backflow. Richard contacted city to clarify if this was necessary. Found to not be needed. If action would needed in the future, Brian who works on sprinklers would be contacted.
- Flooring in parsonage: Discussed a small group of volunteers to help pick out flooring. Discussed doing flooring in the upstairs to start. Pastor to visit with wife about time frame and plan for this project.
- Old lawn mower: Discussion on giving to member of congregation. Council in agreeance that could be offered to congregation member. Richard to reach out to see if they would like it.

PARISH FELLOWSHIP – Nona Blaisdell – no updates

PUBLIC RELATIONS – Ray Sorge – no updates

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

STATE OF PARISH – Pastor Heller – no updates

NEW BUSINESS:

- Pastor Heller brought up that iPad loses 40-50% of charge each service. Is IOS 13. Most up to date Apple iPad is IOS 17. Discussed cost of purchase of new iPad and cover. In agreement to use Thrivent Action Dollars.
MOTION by Nona to purchase new iPad and cover with \$500 limit use of Thrivent Action dollars, seconded by Jonathan, motion carries.
- Kevin/Ray noticed that the nursery was increasingly wet and musty. Current dehumidifier in use is Jameys. Dehumidifier was found on sale at ACE hardware and was purchased for church.
- Kim Senske put in her request of to terminate her janitorial contract with end date of October 1. Has done a great job during her time in this role. Council discussion occurred on how to move forward with filling this role.
MOTION by Terrance to accept letter of resignation from Kim Senske, seconded by Jonathan, motion carries.

- Parsonage gutters and downspouts cleaned and cleared last Sunday
- The bottom latch on the front door does not move any more. Will contact Beulah Lock.
- Someone slipped in parking lot during recent funeral. Council discussed actions to be taken.
- July 19th is deadline for nominations for district offices. District conference to be held in January.
- Pastor shared recommended nominations for the following offices:

District President: Reverend Arie Bertsch, Minot, ND

Regional Vice-President (Eastern): Reverend Mark Chepulis, Minot, ND

Regional Vice-President (Western): Reverend Dr. Matthew Richard, Minot, ND

Board of Directors:

Treasurer- Kay Kreklau, Drayton, ND

Board Member- Ordained – Rev. Dr. Matthew Richard, Minot, ND

Board Member- Lay -Tana McKenna, Gwinner, ND

Board Member- Lay- Scott Pfenning, Velva, ND

Board Member- Lay - Eric Poppinga, Minot, ND

Board Member- Lay - Marty Visto, Oakes, ND

MOTION by Nona to move forward with Pastor Heller's recommended nominations for District offices, seconded by Richard, motion carries.

Next meeting August 14th at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned by Jonathan, seconded by Nona, closed with Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tiffany Sommerer
Secretary

Attachment: Plan of Action Items