

**CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – October 9, 2019**

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

Present: Carla Renner, Jamey Backus, Kevin Herrmann, Kent Larson, Lonny Buchmann, Faye Schaan, Bruce Voegelé, Richard Simenson, Faron Scherer, and Pastor Heller.

Absent: Jeff Gегelman, Jim Black, Terence Schmidt.

MOTION by Kevin to approve and dispense the reading of the September 2019 council minutes, seconded by Richard, motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Workday/clean church. Rained, no outside work. Windows cleaned, floors cleaned, heaters wiped down, kitchen cleaned, shed cleaned out.
- 28 pkg shingles, each bundle covers 20 sq ft, fiberglass shingles. Announcement to be made in bulletin for free-will offering.
- Water in basement of parsonage – re-engineered downspouts and so far no more water. Pastor will rent machine to shampoo carpet that got wet. May need re-landscaping around parsonage to prevent from water leakage in future.
- Fluorescent lights in Pastor's office to be fixed same time as altar lights.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – Faye Schaan, as of 10/9/19.

Checking \$41,445.38; Building Fund \$23,751.03; Sunday School \$2,163.14; Music Fund \$740.00; Memorial \$17,170.22; Thrivent \$19,809.13, Endowment Fund \$4,843.38, Total Savings \$68,478.06.

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT** – Lonny Buchmann (10/06/19)

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|----------------|--------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| Income         | YTD          | Budget to Date        | \$143,399.20 |
| General Fund   | \$129,643.00 | Income to Date        | \$134,454.83 |
| Loose Offering | \$4,309.83   | Short to Date         | -\$8,944.37  |
| Miscellaneous  | \$492.00     | Short per Week        | -\$223.61    |
| Missions       | \$10.00      | Building Fund         | \$3,999.00   |
|                |              | Memorial Fund         | \$0          |
| TOTAL          | \$134,454.83 | Music Fund            | \$0          |
|                |              | Sunday School         | \$88.13      |
|                |              | Miscellaneous         | \$3,056.99   |
|                |              | Thrivent              | \$2,481.00   |
|                |              | Endowment Fund        | \$0          |
|                |              | Total General Savings | \$9,625.12   |

MOTION by Richard to accept the financial report, seconded by Bruce, motion carried.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:**

**LAY MINISTRY** – Faron Scherer, no report.

**EVANGELISM** – Bruce Voegelé, no report.

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

**LYF** – Vacant

**STEWARDSHIP** – Richard Simenson, no report.

**CHURCH PROPERTIES** – Jeff Gегelman, absent, no report.

**PARISH FELLOWSHIP – Kent Larson**

- Marilyn Helm funeral will be Monday.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS – Jim Black, absent, no report.**

MOTION by Kent to accept the reports as presented, seconded by Kevin, motion carried.

**STATE OF PARISH – Pastor Heller**

- Time for trunk or treat?
- iPad volume discussed.
- Budget sheets handed out.
- Pastor vacation 10/10 & 10/11 canceled. Will be taking 2 days later in the month.
- MOTION by Faron to adopt the following policy: The marriage policy of Concordia Lutheran Church, Beulah, North Dakota, a member congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, is and always has been consistent with the Synod's beliefs on marriage. We believe that marriage is a sacred union of one man and one woman (Gen. 2:24-25), and that God gave marriage as a picture of the relationship between Christ and His bride the Church (Eph. 5:32). The official position of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, as set forth in 1998 Res. 3-21 ("To Affirm the Sanctity of Marriage and to Reject Same-Sex Unions"), is that homosexual unions come under categorical prohibition in the Old and New Testaments (Lev. 18:22, 24; 20:13; 1 Cor. 6:9-10; 1 Tim. 1:9-10) as contrary to the Creator's design (Rom. 1:26-27). These positions and beliefs can be found on the LCMS website, along with other statements, papers and reports on the subject of homosexuality and same-sex civil unions and "marriage." Our pastors will not officiate over any marriages inconsistent with these beliefs, and our church property may not be used for any marriage ceremony, reception or other activity that would be inconsistent with our beliefs and this policy. Seconded by Richard, motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Election of officers – Fellowship, Young People's Work, & 1 elder position still open at this point.
- Discussion of style of music being played on iPad.

Next council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 13th at 6:00 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Carla Renner  
Secretary