

**CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – November 8, 2023**

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

Present: Pastor Heller, Jamey Backus, Joslyn Frey, Ray Sorge, Richard Simenson, Casey Voigt, Terence Schmidt, Jonathan Schlender, Kevin Herrmann, Nona Blaisdell and Tiffany Sommerer.

Absent:

MOTION by Richard to approve and dispense the reading of the October 2022 council minutes, seconded by Joslyn, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Voter's meeting this upcoming Sunday
- Check sent to Wittenberg Chapel

TREASURER'S REPORT – Joslyn Frey

Building Fund \$55,717.03, Sunday School \$4,581.24, Music Fund \$1,883.00, Memorial/Misc \$59,326.86, Endowment Interest \$2,216.95, Thrivent \$20,531.87, Savings \$144,256.95, Checking \$104,191.81

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT – Casey Voigt

As of 11/05/23

Income	YTD	Budget to Date	\$176,998.50
General Fund	\$158,890.37	Income to Date	\$173,149.23
Loose Offering	\$5,075.00	Short/over to Date	-\$3,849.27
Electronic Offering	\$5,026.30	Short/over per Week	-\$85.54
Missions	\$40.00	Building Fund	\$9,760.00
Misc.	\$4,117.56	Memorial Fund	\$150.00
TOTAL	\$173,149.23	Music Fund	\$138
		Sunday School	\$9.85
		Miscellaneous	\$29,495.91
		Thrivent	\$1,933.00
		Endowment Fund	\$0.00
		Total General Savings	\$41,486.76

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

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:

LAY MINISTRY – Jonathan Schlender

- Elder meeting occurred Oct 18. Holiday schedule discussed
- Thanksgiving service will be held on Wednesday 11.22.23
- Advent services will start at 6:30pm with Soup and Sandwiches starting at 5:30pm
- Determining if will have 2 services on Christmas Eve and none on Christmas Day
- Ash Wednesday service at 6:30 pm
- Members moved without transfer: Delray Galster, John Helm
- Peaceful releases: Zander and Carter Johnson, Kevin and Shari Hafner, Shawn Yeager

- Joined other church: Amanda Holder and children

EVANGELISM – Vacant – No updates

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – Terence Schmidt

- Working on coordinating Christmas program. Kaitlyn Baker assisting with this.

LYF – Vacant – No updates

STEWARDSHIP – Vacant - No updates

CHURCH PROPERTIES – Richard Simenson

- Gutters not disposed of yet. Weather related delay.
- Desk in entrance, will be disposed of unless someone would like it
- Bathroom is close to be finished up. Couple of coats of paint completed, mop boards bought need to be placed
- Stove in parish fixed thanks to Terrance
- Dry wall fixed and textured in utility room and mechanical room. Discussion on getting new shelf that is sturdier and deeper for use.

PARISH FELLOWSHIP – Nona Blaisdell

- Will be making turnovers for Voter's meeting
- Potluck the first Sunday of the month
- Looking into updating coffee making option for kitchen

PUBLIC RELATIONS – Ray Sorge

- Great turn out for Trunk or Treat, having it indoors went well. Thanks, and appreciation extended to those that helped.

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

STATE OF PARISH – Pastor Heller

- Experiencing microphone difficulties, inquired about best route to fix. Jamey to take microphone to Dakota Sound.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 2024 budget discussed
- Discussion on doing yearly updates to parsonage to keep maintained/updated. Discussed starting with upstairs flooring.
- Maintenance to cracks in parking lot. Should get filled at least every other year, to be done summer of 2024
- City of Beulah remodeling Main Street. Discussed impact specials/taxes on our Church. Discussed church representation at next city council meeting.

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

Next meeting January 10 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Tiffany Sommerer
Secretary

Attachment: Plan of Action Items