

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

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

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

Absent: Joslyn Frey, Ray Sorge

MOTION by Jonathan to approve and dispense the reading of the November 2023 council minutes, seconded by Richard, motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Upcoming Voter’s meeting
- Special assessment for city taxes. Pastor emailed all congregations. 2 responses.

**TREASURER’S REPORT** – Joslyn Frey – absent- report received.

Building Fund \$58,382.03, Sunday School \$4,581.24, Music Fund \$1,883.00, Memorial/Misc \$59,401.86, Endowment Interest \$2,216.95, Thrivent \$20,546.87, Savings \$147,011.95, Checking \$105,236.94

**FINANCIAL SECRETARY’S REPORT** – Lonny Buchmann

As of 12/31/23

Income	YTD	Budget to Date	\$208,464.90
General Fund	\$187,168.37	Income to Date	\$204,986.04
Loose Offering	\$5,833.96	Short/over to Date	-\$3,478.86
Electronic Offering	\$6,775.21	Short/over per Week	-\$65.64
Missions	\$40.00	Building Fund	\$12,375.00
Misc	\$4,092.56	Memorial Fund	\$225.00
TOTAL	\$204,986.04	Music Fund	\$138.00
		Sunday School	\$9.85
		Miscellaneous	\$29,495.91
		Thrivent	\$1,948.00
		Endowment Fund	\$0.00
		Total General Savings	\$44,191.76

As of 01/07/24

Income	YTD	Budget to Date	\$4,085.14
General Fund	\$2,121.00	Income to Date	\$2,852.22
Loose Offering	\$50	Short/over to Date	-\$1,232.92
Electronic Offering	\$681.22	Short/over per Week	-\$1,232.92
Missions	\$0.00	Building Fund	\$145.00
Misc	\$0.00	Memorial Fund	\$0.00
TOTAL	\$2,852.22	Music Fund	\$0.00
		Sunday School	\$0.00
		Miscellaneous	\$0.00
		Thrivent	\$0.00
		Endowment Fund	\$0.00
		Total General Savings	\$145.00

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

**DIRECTOR’S REPORTS:**

**LAY MINISTRY** – Jonathan Schlender

- Brought up discussion on potential bylaw/handbook changes. Latest version 2009
- Pastor Heller to reach out to Pastor Marcis for guidance in updating or changing to more of a policy-based governance

**EVANGELISM** – Vacant – No updates

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION** – Terence Schmidt

- Sunday school teachers received gift card for their service

**LYF** – Vacant – No updates

**STEWARDSHIP** – Vacant - No updates

**CHURCH PROPERTIES** – Richard Simenson

- Gutters and desk disposed of
- Discussion on how to move forward with planned updates to parsonage, starting with flooring update. Suggested to have a committee of 3 people to help decide on flooring and coordinate with Pastor and his wife

**PARISH FELLOWSHIP** – Nona Blaisdell

- Directory booklet update: 93 people took pictures. Discussion took place on how many additional should be ordered. Cost for additional directories \$20 per copy
- Discussion on purchase of suggested pour over coffee maker
- Would like to update beverage pitchers to something lighter
- Carmel rolls ordered for February Voter's Meeting

**PUBLIC RELATIONS** – Ray Sorge – absent – no report given

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

**STATE OF PARISH** – Pastor Heller

- Extended a Thank you to council members for service to congregation
- Thank you to Terry, Connie, and Ray for putting up and taking down Christmas decorations
- Pleased with how well the Christmas program went
- Microphone has been working

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Church banners: Some not needed. Pastor and Vicky will review and get rid of any not needed.
- Use of vacant parcel of land
- February Voter's meeting to take place on February 4, 2024 after Church service.

Next meeting March 13<sup>th</sup> after service

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Tiffany Sommerer  
Secretary

Attachment: Plan of Action Items