

**CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – October 14, 2020**

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

Present: Jamey Backus, Richard Simenson, Howard Winkler, Nona Blaisdell, Ray Sorge, Terence Schmidt, Faye Schaan and Pastor Heller.

Absent: Faron Scherer, Bruce Voegele, Kevin Herrmann, Carla Renner, and Jeff Gegelman.

MOTION by Nona to approve and dispense the reading of the September 2020 council minutes, seconded by Ray, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Parsonage repairs almost completed, just window still needs painting. Insurance money was all used up.
- Parsonage dishwasher installed and working. Cost to install \$150.
- New microphone has not been ordered yet by Pastor.
- Sign in front of church was not discussed.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Faye Schaan as of 10/14/20.

Checking \$64,952.01; Building Fund \$32,241.03; Sunday School \$2,092.98; Music Fund \$1,040.00; Memorial/Misc. \$18,619.83; Endowment interest \$4,843.38; Thrivent \$21,588.62, TOTAL \$80,425.84.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY’S REPORT – Howard Winkler 8/30/20

Income	YTD	Budget to Date	\$149,309.29
General Fund	\$141,258.35	Income to Date	\$155,951.63
Loose Offering	\$1,888.00	Over to Date	\$6,642.34
Electronic Offering	\$12,427.28	Over per Week	\$162.01
Missions	\$328.00	Building Fund	\$6,595.00
Misc.	\$50.00	Memorial Fund	\$55.00
TOTAL	\$155,951.63	Music Fund	\$300.00
		Sunday School	\$52.58
		Miscellaneous	\$5,017.10
		Thrivent	\$2,289.00
		Endowment Fund	\$0
		Total General Savings	\$14,308.68

MOTION by Terence to accept the financial reports, seconded by Richard, motion carried.

DIRECTOR’S REPORTS:

LAY MINISTRY – Faron Scherer, absent, no report.

EVANGELISM – Bruce Voegele, absent, no report.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – Terence Schmidt

- Have teachers for all classes. Have heard no problems with the classes being held and doing business as usual.

LYF – Vacant

STEWARDSHIP – Richard Simenson, no report, stewardship is going well.

CHURCH PROPERTIES – Jeff Gegelman, absent, no report.

PARISH FELLOWSHIP – Nona Blaisdell

- LWML Sunday well attended. Had donuts & coffee after worship.

- Held 2 virtual baby showers for Macy Smith & Samantha Geggelman. Very good turnout with putting up a table in social hall, putting announcements in bulletin and on prayer chain and lots of gifts were presented to families.
- Amy Bieber asked to use social hall for 4-H on October 18th.

PUBLIC RELATIONS – Ray Sorge

- Decision to cancel Trunk or Treat due to rise in COVID cases. Will resume next year hopefully.

MOTION by Howard to accept the reports as presented, seconded by Ray, motion carried.

STATE OF PARISH – Pastor Heller

- Need lay delegate for Jan 24-27, 2021, in Fargo at conference. Pastor will put in bulletin for the next few weeks looking for volunteer.
- What happens if Pastor gets COVID? Jamey is willing to step in to do sermon. Pastor & Jamey will also ask Marc Schriefer if he would be willing.
- Social distancing in church. Nona will put up signs on every other pew saying: SOCIAL DISTANCE PEW-THIS PEW IS CLOSED-THANK YOU. Communion we will try this for one Sunday to see how it goes – Ushers will only send up a few people at a time, Pastor will announce before communion that we will be doing this and asking people to stay 6 feet apart at the altar. We will evaluate how it went if it didn't go well, we will then do communion as we do the ashes for Ash Wednesday, usher people up one at a time.
- Voter's meeting & potluck – no potluck after voter's meeting. We will hold the voter's meeting on the church side in the social distancing pews. Jamey will get handouts for everyone and we may use the computer and screen over there also.
- Soup & Sandwich for advent – will finalize this in November at the meeting whether we will have this.
- Voter's meeting is November 15, 2020. Pastor will put in bulletin that we are looking for people to be on council and fill positions. Items on agenda for voter's meeting will be outside sign, parsonage, damage to the south top of church, Jamey will also be calling the insurance company about the damage to see what we need to do to claim this.
- Talked again about doing worship on Facebook and the items needed to accomplish this.

NEW BUSINESS:

- No new business.

Next meeting scheduled for November 4th at 6:00 p.m. since November 11th is a holiday.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Nona Blaisdell
Acting Secretary