

**CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – October 11, 2023**

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

Present: Pastor Heller, Jamey Backus, Ray Sorge, Casey Voigt, Terence Schmidt, Jonathan Schlender, Kevin Hermann, and Tiffany Sommerer.

Absent: Joslyn Frey, Richard Simenson, Nona Blaisdell

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

OLD BUSINESS:

- New microwave for kitchen purchased
- Blinds replaced in parsonage
- Electric baseboard heater in finance room is burnt out needs to be replaced
- Men’s bathroom repair, still needs to be painted
- Latches for window, need to be special made
- Pothole in parking lot entrance
- Renewal for insurance due, deductible increased
- Spraying done, sprinklers have been winterized

TREASURER’S REPORT – Joslyn Frey

Building Fund \$54,207.03, Sunday School \$4,581.24, Music Fund \$1,883.00, Memorial/Misc \$59,326.86, Endowment Interest \$2,216.95, Thrivent \$25,531.87, Savings \$147,746.95, Checking \$112,575.42

FINANCIAL SECRETARY’S REPORT – Casey Voigt

As of 10/08/23

Income	YTD	Budget to Date	\$161,265.30
General Fund	\$148,828.37	Income to Date	\$162,206.06
Loose Offering	\$4,431.00	Short/over to Date	\$940.76
Electronic Offering	\$4,814.13	Short/over per Week	\$22.95
Missions	\$40.00	Building Fund	\$8,055.00
Misc	\$4,092.56	Memorial Fund	\$150.00
TOTAL	\$162,206.06	Music Fund	\$138.00
		Sunday School	\$9.85
		Miscellaneous	\$29,495.91
		Thrivent	\$1,895.00
		Endowment Fund	\$0.00
		Total General Savings	\$39,743.76

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

DIRECTOR’S REPORTS:

LAY MINISTRY – Jonathan Schlender

- Joined Other Churches: Amanda Holder and children
- Moved without transfer: Delray Galster, John Helm

- Peaceful release: Zander and Carter Johnson, Keven and Shari Hafner, Shawn Yeager

EVANGELISM – Vacant – No updates

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – Terence Schmidt

- Sunday school in session, going well

LYF – Vacant – No updates

STEWARDSHIP – Vacant - No updates

CHURCH PROPERTIES – Richard Simenson – absent, no updates

PARISH FELLOWSHIP – Nona Blaisdell

- Advent Potluck December 3,2023
- December 6, 13, 20 Advent Soup and Sandwiches. Group 1 to start serving rotation
- Hotdogs, buns, and hot chocolate to be served during Trunk or Treat
- Turnovers will be served for Voter's meeting in November
- Membership directory: Final edition in process, still needs to be reviewed. Discussed having a few extras available

PUBLIC RELATIONS – Ray Sorge

- Trunk or Treat- October 31st from 5-630 pm
- Discussion on adding advertisement in Beulah Visitors Guide. Due in January.

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

STATE OF PARISH – Pastor Heller

Wittenberg Lutheran Chapel at UND in Grand Forks is in need of a new organ. The District has agreed to match up to \$50,000 with a deadline of January 31,2024.

Ray with motion to donate \$5,000 for organ from Thrivent account, seconded by Casey, motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Discussion on Community Church Safety Meeting on 8/23/23 and safety ideas for our church
- Pest control
- Voter's meeting to be held on November 12, 2023
- Discussion on Council member positions open for new term

Next meeting November 8th 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