

**CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – October 9, 2024**

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

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

Absent: Anne Rosenow

MOTION by Ray to approve and dispense the reading of the September 11, 2024 council minutes, seconded by Terence, motion carried.

MOTION by Richard to approve and dispense September 22, 2024 meeting minutes, seconded by Joslyn.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Fall in Parking lot- Lawsuit filed. Information turned over to insurance.
- Gift cards for Kim funds to be taken from Janitorial fund
- Discussion on janitorial salary in relation to hours being worked.

**TREASURER’S REPORT – Joslyn Frey**

Building Fund \$65,557.03, Sunday School \$2,102.02, LYF \$2,156.20, Music Fund \$2,103.00, Memorial/Misc \$60,826.86, Endowment Interest \$2,216.95, Thrivent \$21,073.87, Total Savings \$156,035.93, Checking \$95,289.24

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

As of 10/6/24

Income	YTD	Budget to Date	\$163,405.60
General Fund	\$156,021.00	Income to Date	\$173,090.27
Loose Offering	\$3,578.25	Short/over to Date	\$9,9684.67
Electronic Offering	\$11,235.98	Short/over per Week	\$242.12
Missions	\$0.00	Building Fund	\$9,600.00
Misc	\$2,255.04	Memorial Fund	\$1,500.00
TOTAL	\$173,090.27	Music Fund	\$295.00
		Sunday School	\$10.50
		Miscellaneous	\$0.00
		Thrivent	\$1,566.00
		Endowment Fund	\$0.00
		Total General Savings	\$12,971.50

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

**DIRECTOR’S REPORTS:**

**LAY MINISTRY – Jonathan Schlender**

- Meeting planned for this upcoming week with elders to work on budget

**EVANGELISM – Vacant – no updates**

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – Terence Schmidt – no updates**

**LYF – Anne Rosenow – absent, no report given**

## **STEWARDSHIP – Vacant - No updates**

## **CHURCH PROPERTIES – Richard Simenson**

- 5 Star Roofing did inspection for leaks. Found that roofing in one area did not go all the way up and there was bare wood. Wood in that area was discolored indicating leakage. They cut 2 rows of shingles, tucked in some ice and damming material and then used some compounds to seal. Fix should help with leak in nursery, west side of building and kitchen. Still need to receive bill for this.
- Called Hebron Paving, left message to discuss having parking lot sealed and repaired.
- Parsonage- Richard and Terence have been working on prep for painting and flooring replacement. Requesting help Saturday, Sunday and Monday – Jamey will ask for volunteers on Sunday. Terence suggested using enclosed trailer to move out items instead of moving around a bunch of times. Kevin offered use of his enclosed trailer. Discussion on use and timeline.
- Painting – Ceilings done already, 3 painters Monday, should have upstairs done in one day
- Fire extinguishers have been mounted
- Flooring will be delivered on 18<sup>th</sup> to Dave Gar's home.
- Sink in Ladies room by main entrance plugged – was able to plunge which resolved issue
- Rust by the urinal in the men's bathroom, discussion on repair
- Kevin noticed during high winds on previous Saturday afternoon that 2 ridge cap shingles had blown off. He was able to repair this.

## **PARISH FELLOWSHIP – Nona Blaisdell**

- Freezer not working. Group discussion on need/benefits for new fridge/freezer combo.

MOTION by Nona to purchase new fridge/freezer combo for kitchen with max amount of \$1000, seconded by Joslyn, motion carries.

- Jamey to measure space, purchase and transport new fridge to church.
- Concern with church not being locked after events. Discussion with work group to find process to fix. Decision to have last person contact member of council to come and lock church. Ray volunteered to be contact.
- Food will be provided for upcoming Sunday LWML
- Food will be provided for Voter's meeting

## **PUBLIC RELATIONS – Ray Sorge**

- Trunk or Treat candy obtained. Candy about \$20/bag. Anne's group will help with the hot dogs during event.
- Richard will purchase hot dogs and buns. Will need 200.

- Sprinklers turned off at the end of the month and lines blown out
- Will continue to water flowers until the freeze
- Extended thank you to Kevin for helping with mowing.

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

**STATE OF PARISH – Pastor Heller**

- Camera for livestreaming not working
- Discussion on sponsoring individuals to attend youth conference in New Orleans
- Thank you extended to Richard and Terence for all that they have done with parsonage updates so far
- Flower cooler- need to put something in this to help keep it from cycling so frequently. Will put in bucket of water.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Discussion of what to do in interim for church cleaning. Assistance with garbages, vacuuming, bathroom cleaning, etc.
- Voter's Meeting November 17<sup>th</sup> after church Service
- Request of review of By-Laws with potential for update/change. Pastor will continue to reach out for direction on this.
- Jamey request to have review of Thrivent spending over past year. Joslyn to provide next meeting.
- Upcoming Officer positions that need to be elected and assume office January 1, 2025:
  - 2 Year Term**
  - Executive Director (current officer: Jamey Backus)
  - Assistant Director (current officer: Kevin Herrmann)
  - Church Properties (current officer: Richard Simenson)
  - Education (current officer: Terrance Schmidt)
  - Secretary (current officer: Tiffany Sommerer)
  - Treasurer (current officer: Joslyn Frey)
  - 3 Year Term**
  - Lay Ministry (current officers: Eric Jeide, Marc Schriefer, Lucas Hartman- finishing out Ken S. term)
  - Finance Committee (1 position open)
- Budget worksheet presented, discussion on upcoming budget. (Elder's meeting upcoming week to discuss Elder's section)

Next meeting November 13th at 7:00 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Tiffany Sommerer

Secretary

Attachment: Plan of Action Items