

**CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – September 11, 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, and Tiffany Sommerer.

Absent: Jonathan Schlender, Anne Rosenow

MOTION by Ray to approve and dispense the reading of the August 2024 council minutes, seconded by Richard, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Janitorial Services – We have someone that is interested. Kim is going to get a list of tasks that she does outside of the monthly duties.
- Kevin went to city office of Beulah to discuss parsonage being on 1 or 2 parcels. Found out that front house parcel is on the Schnaidt addition while the back part of the property is on the Schmidt addition. If one wanted to make the property one parcel, it would require re-platting the property which is costly. Also found out that city council was considering refunding the parcels in question. The check that was sent for the original assessment was held until clarification completed.
- City council decided to not include additional parcel in assessment. So new total for assessment came to \$16,652.85.
- New Ipad is up and running. Lonny advised that it does not need to be turned off after each use.
- Mission Fest planned for October 6th with Pastor Trampe, will include a brunch during Bible Class presentation.

Not Approved

TREASURER’S REPORT – Joslyn Frey

Building Fund \$64,987.03, 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 \$155,465.93, Checking \$115,649.81

FINANCIAL SECRETARY’S REPORT – Lonny Buchmann

As of 09/08/24

Income	YTD	Budget to Date	\$147,065.04
General Fund	\$145,381.00	Income to Date	\$161,467.64
Loose Offering	\$2,943.25	Short/over to Date	\$14,402.60
Electronic Offering	\$10,921.35	Short/over per Week	\$400.07
Missions	\$0.00	Building Fund	\$8,845.00
Misc	\$2,222.04	Memorial Fund	\$1,500.00
TOTAL	\$161,467.64	Music Fund	\$220.00
		Sunday School	\$4.50
		Miscellaneous	\$0.00
		Thrivent	\$1,566.00
		Endowment Fund	\$0.00
		Total General Savings	\$12,135.50

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

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:

LAY MINISTRY – Jonathan Schlender – absent report given

- Insurance for Pastor remained the same, although premium cost went down slightly
- Dedication for new Chalice, Paten, & Purificators this upcoming Sunday Sept. 15

EVANGELISM – Vacant – no updates

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – Terence Schmidt

- Sunday school started this last week
- Considering later in fall that could potentially change having Bible School during Adult Bible study as long as it works for the teachers.

LYF – Anne Rosenow – absent, no report given

STEWARDSHIP – Vacant - No updates

CHURCH PROPERTIES – Richard Simenson

Not Approved

- Assessment of where water getting into church. Moisture detector did not find anything out of the ordinary in the nursery or classrooms. Unable to determine where water/moisture coming in.
- 5 Star roofing may need to take off some of the shingles to see if they can find leak.
- Parsonage flooring: MOTION by Nona to purchase flooring presented to council at last meeting with a total estimate of flooring + installation cost approval of \$14,000, seconded by Ray, motion carried.
- If delivery date of flooring far from installation, Dave Gar offered to have it stored at his home. If close enough to install date can be delivered to parsonage.
- To get a group together to work on preparation of painting and flooring installation
- Richard will order, purchase, and do a reimbursement request for flooring. Will also inquire about delivery.
- Nona brought estimate for painting of parsonage from JLG Sharpline Painting, LLC. Estimate for \$8,800 which includes paint, painting register covers (95 feet), one coat paint to ceiling, 2 coats of paint throughout home, trim, closets, stairwell.
- Terry will get 2nd estimate for painting parsonage. Council will meet September 22nd and vote on which company to go with.
- Goal is to complete painting and flooring while Pastor out of town at the end of October.
- Church lawn mower oil change. Discussion on whether should be done in fall or spring.

PARISH FELLOWSHIP – Nona Blaisdell

- Mission Fest October 6th. Brunch and Bible class presentation. Youth will serve.
- Funeral October 4th.
- Freezer not working in congregation fridge. Richard and/or Terry to look at.
- LWML Southwest Rally October 5th.

PUBLIC RELATIONS – Ray Sorge

- Trunk or Treat will be held on October 31st from 5:30-7pm. Will be held in the church again so as to not worry about weather conditions. Will start candy collection in October. Will find someone to do hotdogs.

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

STATE OF PARISH – Pastor Heller

- Concerns with church not being locked after Bible Study. Will encourage last person that leaves after Sunday Bible class to lock up.
- We need a lay delegate to attend the Circuit Forum Saturday, September 14th in Glen Ullin. Ray accepted.
- Council member needed to attend the Convention of the LCMS ND District held January 19-22nd in Minot. Jamey volunteered to go.
- Council discussion for thank you for Kim Senske and her dedication to keeping our church well kept.
- Adopted seminary student – will put out card and offering basket on September 29th for those that wish to support and send well wishes to him.
- Microwave and dehumidifier have been taken care of. Pastor has been emptying dehumidifier daily.
- Pastoral shortage. MN north district has 65 vacancies. Synod wide about 550 vacancies.
- Bob and Marlene Schriefer donated a stool for entrance to church.
- Vacation planned for end of October 21/22-27th

NEW BUSINESS:

- Voter's Meeting November 17th after church Service
- Upcoming two year Officer positions that need to be elected and assume office January 1, 2025:

Executive Director (current officer: Jamey Backus)
 Assistant Director (current officer: Kevin Herrmann)
 Lay Ministry (current officers: Eric Jeide, Marc Schriefer, Lucas Hartman- finishing out Ken S. term)
 Church Properties (current officer: Richard Simenson)
 Education (current officer: Terrance Schmidt)
 Secretary (current officer: Tiffany Sommerer)

Treasurer (current officer: Joslyn Frey)

Next meeting October 9th at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned by Nona, seconded by Joslyn, closed with Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tiffany Sommerer
Secretary

Attachment: Plan of Action Items

Not Approved