

**CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES – August 14, 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, Jonathan Schlender, Anne Rosenow, and Tiffany Sommerer.

Absent: Joslyn Frey

MOTION by Nona to approve and dispense the reading of the July 2024 council minutes, seconded by Anne, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

- New microphone has been ordered, have not received yet. Jayme emailed, no response. Will call.
- Special assessment amount paid. Parsonage is sitting on 2 lots. Kevin will see if he can get more information on this.
- Ipad- Only able to use \$250 of Thrivent action dollars. Total cost of Ipad and cover came to \$375.76. Music fund used to make up the cost difference.
- Janitorial services. Position still needs to be filled, will put in bulletin to see if anyone is interested. Requested a list of duties that Kim completes each week/month.
- Bottom latch of front door – now working.
- Slip in parking lot – no updates

TREASURER’S REPORT – Joslyn Frey – absent, report received

Sunday School \$2,102.20, LYF \$2,156.00, Music Fund \$2,103.00, Memorial/Misc \$60,826.86, Endowment Interest \$2,216.95, Thrivent \$21,073.87, Savings \$154,830.93, Checking \$111,055.00

FINANCIAL SECRETARY’S REPORT – Lonny Buchmann

As of 08/11/24

Income	YTD	Budget to Date	\$148,443.93
General Fund	133,900.00	Income to Date	\$130,724.48
Loose Offering	\$2,523.00	Short/over to Date	\$17,719.45
Electronic Offering	\$9,878.89	Short/over per Week	\$553.73
Missions	\$0.00	Building Fund	\$7,995.00
Misc	\$2,142.04	Memorial Fund	\$1,500.00
TOTAL	\$148,443.93	Music Fund	\$220.00
		Sunday School	\$4.50
		Miscellaneous	\$0.00
		Thrivent	\$1,566.00
		Endowment Fund	\$0.00
		Total General Savings	\$11,285.50

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

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:

LAY MINISTRY – Jonathan Schlender

- Mission festival. Either September 22nd or Oct 6th. Group discussion Oct 6th would work best, as long as it works for Pastor Trampe. Youth group to help serve. Nona and Anne will discuss brunch options.

EVANGELISM – Vacant – no updates

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION – Terence Schmidt –

- Sunday School starts September 8th. Hoping to do waffles or pancakes for first day.
- September 4th – Catechism information meeting
- September 11th Catechism class begins
- Catechism materials needed.
- Need grades 3-6 class materials. Will order from Rainbow shop.

LYF – Anne Rosenow

- September 1 – Gathering to make plan for the year. Discuss selling honey for Boys and Girls Ranch, activities, etc.

STEWARDSHIP – Vacant - No updates

CHURCH PROPERTIES – Richard Simenson

- 5 Star Roofing to start roof repair this upcoming Saturday. Richard gave them times of worship for Sunday to avoid repairs during this time if needed.
- Church Mutual Insurance reached out and offered free water leak sensors. Contact number needed for alerts. Ray is contact.
- Nona brought sample of vinyl planking for parsonage flooring update. Found at Lowes, 3.49/sq ft. Richard in contact with Dave Gar for estimate and installation. Group discussion on if both upstairs and basement should be completed. Considering creating a work group to help remove current flooring, assist with moving furniture. Estimated timeline-unable to complete before school starts. Pastor gone last week of October, Richard to see if this works for Dave. Group discussion on painting prior to flooring installation. Anne and Terence to contact people they know that paint for estimate.
- Non-functioning A/C in upstairs of parsonage needs to be removed. Wall box needs to be removed and covered.
- Downstairs parsonage bathroom has bulging in flooring. Will take a look to see what the issue may be.

PARISH FELLOWSHIP – Nona Blaisdell – No updates

PUBLIC RELATIONS – Ray Sorge – no updates

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

STATE OF PARISH – Pastor Heller

- Dakota Fire Extinguishers came to in to check fire extinguishers today. Two expired, replacements left. Have different brackets that need to be installed.
- Discussed with group adult bible study attendance. Looking for feedback/suggestions. Discussion if worship service time change would have positive impact. No changes at this time.
- Discussion on technology. Noted some congregations have transitioned to not doing offering during the service and have an offertory plate at entrance. Online offering becoming more common. No changes to current process for this congregation.

NEW BUSINESS:

- None at this time.

Next meeting September 11th at 7:00 p.m.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Tiffany Sommerer
Secretary

Attachment: Plan of Action Items