

First Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes

August 8, 2023

Present: Mary Sopkowiak, Joyce Washburn, Bertel Anundson, Sue Smith, Linda Bauers, Karen Hanson, Phyllis Paulsen and Calista W.

President Linda called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

Devotions – Calista read a devotional on “Blessings for Discernment”.

Approval of the Agenda – Motion was made by Bertel seconded by Karen to approve the agenda with one addition to new business.

Approval of Minutes from May and June were approved. Motion by Karen H. seconded by Mary S. to approve these minutes. There was no July meeting.

Parish Council Update - Linda reported there will be a pizza night on the 9th of August for the Pierson family who lost their baby. Also, she talked about Congregational Vitality Day on Sept. 16 in Detroit Lakes, and the Synods Stewardship Day on Oct. 28th in Detroit Lakes.

CYF Report – Linda went thru her report – she is also starting Soul Food on October 4th for confirmation kids.

Financial report: Treasurers report – Mary went thru her report - much discussion was talked about the designated funds and accounts . After discussion a motion was made by Bertel, seconded by Karen H. to move some of this money to a CD. It *was suggested we put \$20,000.00 in a CD* and Mary is to check the banks on this and see where it is best for interest.

Financial secretary’s report – none at this time

Old Business:

- a. Roof – Jim is not around so do not know what his bill is. Sue said that Don is to meet a guy from the Tamko company tomorrow at the church to talk about it. Linda will also be there.
- b. The Garden of Grace account – was discussed in the financial report.
- c. A nonprofit form for the State is done and has been sent in.
- d. AED – is here and Phyllis is working on getting someone to come and show us how this works during our coffee on a Sunday morning.

New Business

- a. Meet with Synod at Bethel in Greenbush on August 21st. This is a road trip for anyone to attend.
- b. Cleaning day at the church is set for this Thursday, August 10th at 9 AM.
- c. Congregational Records - Bertel discussed having files in the office for all the things that need to be kept so people can see when things were purchased – or changes made to items. The day care did make a payment so are caught up.

Committee Reports

- Education – Phyllis and Calista are taking care of S.S. and Soul Food will start this fall.
- Property – None
- Worship and Music– Joyce stated that choir will start up the second week in Sept.,

- FLCW – Karen H. – Aug. 20th will host the appreciation dinner at the church for Rubys Pantry volunteers. - Aug. 25 & 26 will be the rummage sale and the Scandinavian Bake Sale will be Nov. 18th.

Next Council meeting will be September 12, 2023 at 7 PM
Beacon Letter due by August 24, 2023.

A motion was made by Mary S., seconded by Joyce W. to adjourn this meeting. MC

Respectfully Submitted

Susan Smith, Sec.