

## **Wabanica Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes for August 8, 2023**

**Present:** Ken Horntvedt, Gloriann Fischer, Deb Perala, Brian Peterson, Shelley Spears

Vice president Brian called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Approval of Agenda:** Request to add “G. New refrigerator” under New Business. Motion by Shelley, second by Gloriann, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

**Secretary’s Report:** Motion by Gloriann, second by Shelley, to accept the Minutes. Motion carried.

**Financial Reports:** Motion by Gloriann, second by Ken, to accept the reports. Motion carried.

### **Committee Reports**

- A. Buildings and Grounds: Fans and countertops: Still looking at options, including an epoxy top.
- B. Education: No update.
- C. Endowment: Received our first quarterly report, and each of the Endowments has earned \$835.01 from April 30 - June 30.

### **Old Business**

- A. Non-profit Compliance: Not completed.
- B. Wifi: Not completed.
- C. Open Council Position: Remains open.
- D. Cemetery Policies: Ken, Eugene, and Jody have not met.
- E. Calista’s schedule and sign: She has shared her calendar for August-October in the weekly bulletin and in the Beacon. We will have Joint Worship with communion on September 10 at First. That is also God’s Work/Our Hands Day, and she suggests that after worship, we assemble personal hygiene kits for use at People’s Church in Bemidj. No update on her sign for our church.
- F. Riverwood CD - Brian checked on the CD offered at Riverwood and there was no withdrawal without loss of interest. We then discussed the excellent return on our Endowment funds for a 3-month period, and noted that Endowment funds can be withdrawn without penalty, even though we don’t anticipate doing so anytime soon. Motion by Gloriann, second by Shelley, to put \$50,000 from the General Fund into our Mission Endowment Fund. Motion carried.
- G. Security Camera: After discussion, we can’t see a workable option or urgent need at this time and would remove it from the agenda. We then discussed the need to replace the current door lock ASAP, since we do have the replacement lock and some of us still struggle to lock or unlock the door.

### **New Business**

- A. Pierson Benefit Pizza Night on August 9: The Community Band will not be available, but we expect a great turnout. We are well prepared with pizza crusts and are still signing up volunteers to help.
- B. Riverwood CD: See Old Business, F.
- C. Load of crushed granite for cemetery road: Not delivered yet.
- D. Footstones, Plan B: Roger suggests that we try to dig down some of the footstones and put crushed granite around them, which could be mowed over. We agree that this could be tried in a few places, with leftover granite from the road, but it seems too big a project for the whole cemetery.

- E. Pizza Night, August 23: Proceeds for July, August, September go to L/W Backpack Program, L/W Humane Society, and Hunter Nordlof BE KIND Foundation.
- F. Joe's Pest Control: They offer a mouse plan for about \$50 which traps the mice outside the building. Motion by Gloriann, second by Shelley, to try this option. Motion carried.
- G. New refrigerator: After checking locally, Ken found one elsewhere for \$3,100 with free delivery that would arrive sooner. Motion by Ken, second by Brian, to make this purchase, with money from the Building Fund. Motion carried.

**Announcements and Correspondence:** The *Beacon* deadline is August 17. Next meeting is on September 12 at 7:00 p.m. at First.

Motion by Gloriann, second by Ken, to adjourn. Motion carried and we closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Deb Perala, Secretary