

Wabanica Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes for November 12, 2024

Present: Gloriann Fischer, Ken Horntvedt, Leah Larson, Doris Nelson, Shelley Pepera and Brian Peterson. Brian Peterson called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Gloriann Fischer to accept November 12, 2024 meeting agenda, Second by Leah Larson. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report: Council members read last month's meeting minutes. Motion by Ken Horntvedt to accept October 8, 2024 Wabanica Council Meeting Minutes, Second by Gloriann Fischer. Motion carried.

Financial Reports: Council members reviewed and discussed reported income and expenses. Motion by Gloriann Fischer to accept October Financial Reports, Second by Shelley Pepera. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

- Building and Grounds: No new updates.
- Education: No new updates.
- Endowment: Council members reviewed quarterly endowment reports.
- Cemetery Policies: No new updates.
- Congregational Life Committee Report: No new updates.

Old Business:

- A. Window Well Coverings: Cost is being researched and project is scheduled for the Spring/Summer of 2025.
- B. Library Room Redesign: As reported last month, this project is complete.
- C. Wabanica Council Assignments: Ongoing discussion for next year's council assignments and expected vacancies. No decisions on the treasurer position but ideas were shared. Members interested in serving on the council are welcome to contact any current council member or Calista.
- D. Proceed Assignments/2025 Outdoor Pizza Nights: The Baudette Community Foundation and Splash Park Addition were added to the list of possible recipients. Brian offered to research and create a complete list of past donation recipients and present this at our next meeting. All were in agreement, this historical record should be updated each year and referred to when assigning future recipients. The possibility of creating an 'application' for interested recipients to complete was discussed with no formal action taken.

New Business:

- A. Laptop for Treasurer: Ken will research costs for a dedicated laptop and software for Wabanica Treasurer duties.
- B. Santa Anonymous: Leah presented a letter requesting a donation to the Lake of the Woods Santa Anonymous program. The council was in agreement, we make a monetary donation, rather than a giving tree. A special collection request will be announced each Sunday starting November 17th with the dedicated proceeds donated to the Santa Anonymous program in December.
- C. Floor Repair in the Quilter's Room: A plan is in place to repair the linoleum rather than replace the flooring.
- D. Wabanica Church Office and Nursery: All council members present were in favor of a request from Leah Larson and Shelley Pepera to clean, update and redesign both of these rooms. Plans for the current nursery will be to make this into a children's play area. The office update is intended to create a welcoming and inviting room for Calista and other church representatives to meet, discuss, plan or promote church events and activities. No request for funding but plans are to keep this minimal. This project will start after the first of the year.

Announcements and Correspondence:

- The *Beacon* deadline is November 15, 2024.
- Next council meeting is December 10, 2024, at appx 6:45 p.m. at First Lutheran.

Motion by Ken Horntvedt, Second by Leah Larson to adjourn. Motion carried and meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Shelley Pepera, Wabanica Council Secretary