

Our Savior's Lutheran Church Council Minutes

March 13, 2024

President	Property & Management	Education	Stewardship	Worship
Dave Voight	John Aamodt (chair)	Derek Muir (chair)	Gordy Peterson (chair)	Roberta Stover (chair)
	Leslie Canarr	Melissa Landis	Stephanie Johnson	Matt Pernat

Treasure: Sherry Norman

WELCA: Camilla Stover

Guests: None

ABSENT: Derek Muir

Call to order: Dave called the meeting to order (7:40pm).

Devotions: None for this meeting. Will skip until first Council meeting after Easter (April 10th).

Secretaries' Report - Approval of February 22nd meeting minutes: After review, a motion was made by Stephanie to approve the minutes. John seconded. No Discussion. Motion approved.

Treasurer's report: After review, discussion centered on how the newly purchased windows were noted in the report, and about how Sunday School will need to do some extra printing due to a new curriculum. It was also mentioned that the printer is starting to copy "light", so Les will run some cleaning sheets through the printer to see if it helps. A motion was made by Les to accept the February treasurer's report. John seconded. Motion approved.

President's Report: Dave mentioned he has thought about, but not yet started, the effort to seek out an attorney that could be held in retainer for quick legal advice in the event we would ever need it. Dave has mentioned that he has been trying to gain access to the Ministry Site Profile (MSP) that was submitted for the Pastor Call; he needs the access password. John mentioned that Dave should contact Dee Muir for the access code as she might have been the last one to submit the MSP for the Church. Dave reminded everyone about the 17 March ELCA Council Member Zoom training. Dave then mentioned that the EaND Synod will get back with him to schedule a visit sometime after Easter.

Pastor's report: Sherry did one communion visit and one social visit. Ray Johnson also did one social visit.

Education report: Melissa talked about the new catechisms and how they will begin to teach the various sections. Melissa said that Jenn Aamodt reported to her that the Youth Group was serving Lenten Suppers, they had a Ski Trip at Frost Fire in February, and that the Silent Auction & Pancake Dinner will be held after Holy Humor service on Church April 7th. Sherry mentioned that for the Sunday Schoolers she ordered palms for Palm Sunday. Camilla reported that Confirmation class is going very well, the students are outstanding, and have been providing a tremendous service at Lenten and Sunday services. There was a brief discussion on who is up to attend Communion classes and who should teach the class.

Stewardship report: Noisy offering for March & April will be for the new furnace in the Parsonage. The ELCA Annual Report was completed and submitted; 320 baptized members, 246 confirmed members, and 168 voting members.

Worship report: Roberta will continue to lead the Worship Team to conduct the Wednesday Lenten services, Sherry will lead the Worship Teams for Sunday Services during the Lenten season (Winfred Wolfram will lead the Sunday service on 17 and 31 March), and Roberta, Sherry and Robert Stover will lead the Communion Teams. For Holy Week, services will be held for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday.

Property & Management: John met with Dakota Natural Gas (DNG), and Sherry paid the \$150 fee, for the initial contract to have DNG connect both the Church and Parsonage to natural gas after the new lines are routed in Larimore. John talked to Mitch Tupa who agreed to install outlets in the Church basement, quote forthcoming. Les and Sherry reported that our property insurance is now with *Church Mutual*, away from *Lutheran Trust*. Dave is working with *Lutheran Trust*

to ensure that the old policy has been cancelled. Les received permission to ask our new agent from *Church Mutual* to attend the April 10 Council meeting.

Old business:

- a. Call Committee Report: As noted in the Presidents' Report, Dave is working to gain access to the Ministry Site Profile so the Call Committee can meet and review its content. – **ITEM OPEN**
- b. Church Constitution Review Committee Report: Committee members are Les, John, Camilla Stover, Paul Mutch and Wally Lang. The first meeting was on 22 Feb, from 6 to 7 pm. Wally opened the meeting by providing a history of the Church Constitution/By Laws and past revision activities. Les presented a summary comparing the structure of our Constitution against the ELCA Model Constitution. After a discussion and comparison of the two, the Committee unanimously decided to retain the current structure of the Church's Constitution and not revise it to match the structure of the ELCA Model Constitution. Next meeting will be on 14 March, from 6 to 7 pm. – **ITEM OPEN**
- c. Audio Upgrades for the Church system. John is working to provide some recommendations. – **ITEM OPEN**
- d. Camilla is working where to donate the excess church piano. – **ITEM OPEN**
- e. Outlets in the Basement. – **ITEM OPEN**
- f. Install new Church windows. – **ITEM OPEN**

New business:

- a. Sherry reported that the Northwood Deaconess Health Center needs a replacement Board Member to fill the open position vacated with the passing of Gary Rankin – **ITEM OPEN**
- b. Who is eligible to attend Communion classes and who should teach the class? – **ITEM OPEN**
- c. Need a date for the installation of new Council Members - 07 Apr was mentioned as a possible date – **ITEM OPEN**
- d. Decision was made to have the first Sunday after Memorial Day go from 10 to 9AM worship times. – **ITEM CLOSED**
- e. Discussion about having Vacation Bible School or Sunday School begin the process of assembling materials for *Operation Christmas Child 2024*. Planning would be a combination of efforts between the Education and Stewardship Committees – **ITEM OPEN**
- f. Les reported on EaND ELCA training activities for the month of March and April, and will send the information to all Council members via eMail – **INFORMATION ONLY**

Devotions for 10 April meeting: Roberta will lead devotions.

Financial Helpers – Volunteers at church.

Adjourn: A motion was made by John to adjourn. Melissa seconded. Motion approved. (8:49pm).

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

~Respectfully submitted by~

Leslie Canarr