

## Our Savior's Lutheran Church Council Minutes May 09, 2023

President	Property & Management	Education	Stewardship	Worship
Wayne Knudson	Dave Voight (chair)	Naomi Lilja (chair)	Nancy Smith (chair)	Roberta Stover (chair)
	Les Canarr	Derek Muir	Gordy Peterson	Teresa Welder

Staff: Sherry Norman      WELCA: Camilla Stover

Guests: Pastor Bruce Vold (St John Lutheran Church in Hatton) and Lay Pastor Larry Omdahl (Fordville Lutheran Church in Fordville).

**ABSENT:**

**Call to order:** Wayne called the meeting to order at 7:10pm.

**Devotions:** Roberta shared devotions.

Bruce and Larry shared their thoughts on why their congregations were disappointed with the ELCA and their thought process when they voted to leave.

- Larry is a Lay Pastor. He identified that it took around 5 years before the Church decided to leave the ELCA. He talked about how his church successfully operates without an Association and an Ordained Pastor.
- Bruce is a Pastor of an LCMC affiliated Church and talked about the benefits of the LCMC, and the actions at both Carrington (Trinity Lutheran) and Hatton congregations when they voted to leave the ELCA.

Joel Knudson offered some dialog to express a lack of Communication from the Church Council about their recent discussions since the March special meeting. Good discussion from others in attendance about what to do next. Council will continue to do research with the plan for a Congregation wide discussion at a date yet to be determined.

**Approval of April 14th meeting minutes:** Motion to approve made by Dave. Roberta second. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's report:** Motion made by Roberta to accept the treasurer's report. Derek second. Motion carried.

**Pastor's report:** Naomi and Roberta identified that we need people to visit the shut-ins. Sherry and Camila will generate a list of shut-ins. Sherry will Email them out for Council member assignment/assistance.

**Education report:** Sunday (21 May) is the last day of Sunday School. July 18-20 is Vacation Bible School (VBS), need volunteers each night for Supper. Senior recognition day is 21 May. There will be cake after church on Senior recognition day, therefore no Fellowship volunteers are needed.

**Stewardship report:** Nothing to report.

**Worship report:** Roberta passed around two thank-you cards for recent Guest Pastors. She is looking for more Guest Pastors. Derek made a motion to provide a flat rate of \$300 for each Guest Pastor (no mileage) and Gordy seconded. Motion carried.

Baccalaureate will be held at the Living Faith Free Lutheran Church in Larimore on 21<sup>st</sup> May.

**Property & Management:** Dave identified that “Signs by Design” is printing a magnetic sign to place over portions of the current OSLC sign showing summer changes. The Parsonage is empty; water is off, heat is down, water heater off, house is broom clean. Need to remove portions of the parsonage fence. Church will still have to pay for water/sewer. Garbage is suspended. Dave made a motion to set aside \$50 to mow the parsonage and church. Theresa seconded. Motion carried.

Church and Parsonage clean-up will be on Sunday 21 May after Church. Rain day is June 4<sup>th</sup>. Church will provide hot dogs and hamburgers after clean-up – the Mens Club will buy.

Funds for Church windows was discussed. This task will be discussed this month.

**Old business:**

A new eMail list has been created on SquareBox. Les is to take a set of minutes to Bremer Bank to get on the Safety Deposit Box list.

**New business:**

Through a Title Company, Sherry confirmed that OSLC fully owns all Church Real Property assets.

Employee retention funds may be available from the Government COVID funds. To complete the application Sherry needs Council approval. Dave made a motion for Sherry to go forward, Roberta seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Sherry has a check that a non-profit sent the Church. Wayne told her to go to a Bank to confirm that the check is legitimate before cashing.

Les requested permission to contact Lutheran Trust insurance company to determine if they can provide more cost effective insurance coverage for Church assets.

**Devotions for June meeting:** Roberta volunteered.

**Financial Helpers** – Whoever is available to help.

**Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn made by Roberta. Naomi second. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:40pm

Closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

*~Respectfully submitted by Leslie Canarr*