

Council Minutes

June 20, 2022, 6:00 pm

Attending: David Weisser, Sadie Reiners, Marjorie Peterson, Bruce Arndtson, Cindy Toppin, Pastor Geier, Lois Twedt

Call to order at 6:05 p.m. by President David Weisser

Marjorie made the motion to accept the May Minutes and Bruce made the second. Motion carried.

Treasurer Deborah Dreher/David Weisser

No Council Action Required

St. Philip's Lutheran Church remains in strong financial position. Review of May 2022 Financial Reports indicate 2022 year-to-date Giving in three categories, General, Capital and Miscellaneous are 2% over Budget while Expenses are 5% below Budget.

Motion was made by Cindy and seconded by Bruce to accept the May Financial Statement. Motion passed.

Vice President Sadie Reiners

Glenda Schnirring submitted a request for the council to accept a bid for repair work on the parking lot. Sadie made a motion to accept the bid from Tundra Sealcoating, Hastings, for repair of cracks and holes in the parking lot at a cost of \$3400, with sealcoating to be considered at a later date. Cindy made the second to the motion. Motion passed.

We are currently waiting for bids for AC.

Serving Ministry Report--Pam Hoffman

No Council Action Required

Fellowship Ministry Update

There are 28 signed up for Ladies Night Out on June 22.

We have donut pickup covered through 3rd.

Blood mobile will be here again on 8/25 from noon to 6.

Discussed looking at a new freezer for the kitchen. The council requested information as to where this freezer might be located.

Glenda shared a poster about the Drawn to the River event. Posters will be placed around town.

HR Report-- Cindy Toppin

No Council Action Required

There are still no applicants for the Handbell/Choir Director position. We are considering splitting it into two positions to see if that elicits applicants.

Meanwhile Worship and Music should probably make some backup plans for fall.

Pastor has been conducting performance reviews of staff. The Executive Committee should be preparing to review Pastor Geier in the next few weeks.

Worship Ministry Report– Marjorie Peterson

No Council Action Required

The purpose of this meeting was to review details for the outdoor service.

June 6 is the target date for sending postcards to members and putting flyers up at businesses around town.

Door hangers will be distributed by Monday, June 13.

Small thank you cards with an invitation to our service will be handed out to shoppers at the garage sale.

Reaction to the Outdoor Service on June 19 was very favorable.

The July meeting will focus on plans for fall.

Learning Ministries Report –Abby Schultz

No Council Action Required

Registration for fall ELC is low. Lower student enrollment throughout Hastings results in less children available to attend. They may consider dipping into reserves.

Communication/Marketing/Tech Report – Bruce Arndtson

No Council Action Required

Reactions to the garage sale were very positive. Some deliveries were made to out-of-town shoppers.

Attendees seem to know just where to go and what they want.

Pastor Geier – May 2022 Council Report

- Although I believe you have already received them from Lista, I have attached the goals and closing evaluation from our Leadership Retreat.
- I am grateful for Pastor Joel Rova-Hegener from Our Saviour's who filled in to officiate at the memorial service for Arden Sanstead.
- Thank you to those who helped provide hospitality for Jon Lindberg's memorial service.
- I think that our Pentecost and Graduate recognition service went very well.
- All staff performance appraisals have either been completed or are scheduled for this week.
- I am very much in VBS mode this week and am looking forward to our ASG Campfire Catechism next Sunday.
- Continuing to meet with couples for pre-marriage, pre-baptism and prospective members.
- It turns out that Garage Sale week is a great week for "drop-in" pastoral care.

On a personal note:

- Thank you for the condolences and support following the death of my mother-in-law, Sally Parmeter. Amy and I will be going back to Napa on June 28 for a memorial service on June 30 and then will return on a "red-eye" flight and go directly to Milwaukee to help Joel and his family move into their new home. The Rev. Dr. Mark Hillmer will be presiding on July 3rd (and again on August 7th.) Pastor Hillmer is a retired OT professor from Luther Seminary. He has indicated that he will be worshipping with us on June 26th.
- I will be out of the office June 28-July 5 and again August 1-9.

Thanks for your partnership in the Gospel.

Your Servant in Christ,

Gregory A. Geier, Pastor

Old Business

After a brief discussion, the consensus of the council was to accept the suggestion of some parishioners and follow the example of the synod, implementing the procedure whereby motions for the annual meeting be written and submitted before the meeting. Supplies will be available to accommodate any last-minute motions to be written mid-meeting and submitted.

Following a review of the Council Retreat Goals, it appeared that there are 4 main themes—Social Media, Communications Outreach, Social Justice, Fellowship for Young Members. Pastor is going to regroup the goals under those headings to assist with the flow of discussion. The July meeting will start with a focus on reviewing these goals. We will allow the first 45 minutes of the meeting for this discussion. The next 45 minutes will be for Council Reports, with a goal to be completed by 7:30.

The Evaluation remarks following the Retreat were positive. Many felt the retreat gave a chance for members to talk with others about what is important to them in the church.

New Business

There was no new business to discuss.

A motion was made by Bruce and seconded by Sadie to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Submitted by Lois Twedt, Secretary