

Council Minutes

July 18, 2022, 6:00-7:30 pm

Attending: David Weisser, Deborah Dreher, Pam Hoffman, Cindy Toppin, Marjorie Peterson, Abby Schultz, Bruce Arndtson, Pastor Geier, Lois Twedt

Call to Order at 6:00 p.m. by President David Weisser

Old Business

Following a lengthy discussion on how to move forward with Retreat Goals, Deborah volunteered to consolidate ideas from Pastor Geier's lists and create a summary of the Council/Leadership Retreat Goals. A consensus was that the Council believes we need clearer understanding of what our parishioner/neighbors/community want from us as we remain true to the Gospel.

Secretary Lois Twedt

Pam made a motion to accept the June Minutes and Deb made the second. Motion carried.

Treasurer Deborah Dreher

No Council Action Required

St. Philip's Lutheran Church continues to be in strong financial position. Review of June 2022 Financial Reports indicate 2022 year-to-date Giving in three categories, General, Capital and Miscellaneous are 1% over Budget while Expenses are 7% below Budget.

Motion was made by Bruce and seconded by Marjorie to accept the June Financial Statement. Motion passed.

Vice President Sadie Reiners

Tundra Sealcoating has completed the task of repairing the cracks in the parking lot.

Precision Landscaping submitted a bid for \$9600 to remove the 11 dead trees in the parking lot. The committee is looking into the cause for these trees dying and considering the possibility of replacements being purchased by members of the congregation in honor or in memory of someone. There was a landscape clean-up day on July 9th with 11 members volunteering to work the morning.

The committee has discussed putting up moveable visitor signs in the parking lot.

Serving Ministry Report--Pam Hoffman

No Council Action Required

Fellowship Ministry

Ladies Night Out was a success. 30 women were able to attend.

Bloodmobile will be here 8/25/22 from noon to 4pm.

We are still looking for people to sign up to pick up donut holes for Sunday mornings. Deborah will talk with Camille about taking responsibility for donut holes, since she did it before, she is happy to do it, and it is right on her way to church.

Concert and Pie in the Park will be 8/28/22. Sign-up sheets are on the kiosk.

During VBS it was noted that the First Aid Kit was overdue for an update. It will be taken care of.

We have received a donation of a small freezer for the kitchen.

Stewardship

They did not meet this month.

They will be working on all the things needed for the Stewardship Sunday this fall.

HR Report-- Cindy Toppin

No Council Action Required

Worked with ELC on hiring letters for the coming school year. Working with Worship and Music on possible options for Choir/Handbell position as we still have no applicants.

Working on various personnel matters with Pastor Geier.

Worship Ministry Report-- Marjorie Peterson

No Council Action Required

Social Justice:

Darlene Olson reviewed the article she had written for the newsletter. We agreed that when a spiritual or music from another culture is used, brief notes of explanation should be printed in the bulletin to promote awareness.

Communion:

Wine will be purchased at the House of Wines since policies have changed at Cub.

Individual wine and bread will continue to be made available for those who prefer it.

First Aid:

The kit was used during VBS and has been checked and resupplied. Jennie Orr Thomas is organizing a subcommittee to review safety issues.

Outdoor service:

Very positive responses were received from those who attended.

The ice cream should have been served where the congregation could listen while the band was continuing to play.

If we plan outdoor services more regularly, we would need to purchase our own sound equipment. For this service, we paid the band additional funds for using their equipment.

Looking ahead:

It was decided to stay with the current worship schedule and continue to review each month.

Ellen will ask members with musical abilities to offer special music at services.

The Council agreed with Fellowship and Pastor Geier that the first Sunday of each month be a Contemporary Service.

Learning Ministries Report –Abby Schultz

No report.

Communication/Marketing/Tech Report – Bruce Arndtson

No report.

Pastor Geier – July 2022 Council Report

· I dropped the ball in my absence to make sure that everything was covered to host pastor Hillmer when he was providing pulpit supply. I believe steps have been taken to address this matter moving forward.

· The first ASG Campfire Catechism next Sunday had six (+ me) in attendance and went well. I am hopeful for the next two sessions.

· I have been spending time trying to encourage our confirmation students to complete their faith statements.

· Continuing to meet with couples for pre-marriage, pre-baptism and prospective members.

· I am looking forward to officiating and Abby Schultz's wedding this Saturday.

On a personal note:

· A reminder that I will be out of the office August 1-9. Pastor Hillmer will again be providing pulpit supply. I am still arranging to find a colleague who will be available for emergency pastoral care coverage.

Thanks for your partnership in the Gospel.

Your Servant in Christ,

Gregory A. Geier, Pastor

New Business

Jennie Orr Thomas did an evaluation of our First Aid Kit and other items around the church and found several that need updating to meet safety needs. Lista will update the first aid kit and AED on a yearly basis. Some structure items will be checked by Building and Grounds.

A motion was made by Bruce and seconded by Deborah to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Submitted by Lois Twedt, Secretary