



SILVERDALE LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Grace Filled. Spirit Led.*

**Council Meeting  
Monday, May 13, 2024**

**Minutes**

**Call to Order**

President Bradley Posadas called the meeting to order at 7:27 PM. Councilmembers in attendance were Vice-president Scott Slocum, Treasurer Cheryl Miller, Bob Arper, Scott Grasmick, Jo Schaefer, Karen McNamara, Jacque Story, Teresa Walton, Katie Shaw, Pastor Jonathan Sansgaard, and Jane Rasely who monitored recording and prepared minutes. Sue Shultz was absent and excused.

**Opening Prayer**

Pastor Jonathan Sansgaard

**Devotions**

Led by Scott Grasmick

**Review and approval of Meeting Minutes – March 11, 2024, and April 8, 2024**

Minutes were approved defacto as there were not any changes.

**Treasurer's Report**

Cheryl Miller provided an update on the financial status of the church.

**Unfinished Business (Action Items/Updates)**

Security Camera Policy Review

**Motion: I move we accept the camera policy as written.**

**Slocum/Walton: Passed Unanimously**

Potential Council Outreach Spending Proposal – Katie Shaw spoke about two options for this quarter's Council Outreach fund: Kids' Town donation, Rio Grande do Sul Lutheran University flood donation, or a 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary congregation-wide service project.

**Motion: I move that we give \$500 to Kids Town and \$500 to Rio Grande de Sul to support the flood recovery efforts encouraging congregational members to match Council's giving from the Council Outreach Fund.**

**Shaw/Rasely: Passed Unanimously**

Update on Congregational Members Letter – Scott Slocum provided an update on the letter which will be going out via e-mail signed by Bradley and Scott. A missing quotation mark was noted.

### **Pastors' Reports**

Pastor Jonathan Sansgaard (see attached)

### **Council Reports (Verbal)**

Education (Karen McNamara) – Requested an end of year Sunday School debrief.

Youth (Jacque Story) – Would love to have a debrief with Sunday School staff and was excited for all the summer activities planned.

Jo Schaefer (Worship and Music) – Mentioned Justin was working on a bell table proposal. Jane Rhodes was concerned about communion volunteers for the summer when regular volunteers will be travelling.

Evangelism (Teresa Walton) – Nothing new to report at this time. Welcome cart is going well.

Stewardship (Scott Grasmick) – Contacted Jessica Voigt about making short videos.

Social Concerns (Katie Shaw) – Setting up refugee hygiene kits for God's Work Our Hands Sunday.

Property and Grounds (Bob Arper) – Coffee maker in Fellowship Hall has quit working but the SLCW are funding its replacement. The new "picture frame" screen has been hung and is ready to go. Researching widening the driveway to facilitate traffic. A new mower has been purchased for Island Lake cemetery. A new propane tank has been installed at Lutherhaven. Red Robin fundraiser for Lutherhaven on Thursday, May 23, 2024.

### **New Business (Discussion/Action)**

Removal of Members from SLC Rolls

Ashley Marks

Alicia and Cody Smith

**Motion: I move we remove Ashley Marks and Alicia and Cody Smith from the Congregational Rolls.**

**Arper/Shaw: Passed Unanimously**

Grasmick Intern Request – Kim is requesting a title change to her current position which corresponds to her internship duties, which closely mirror her current position. Scott Slocum will look into whether it will be problematic for SLC to change her title.

**Motion: I move to approve the change in Kim Grasmick’s title pending Scott Slocum’s research into Kim’s contract.**

**Shaw/Arper: Passed Unanimously**

Council Sponsored Brunch – Determined details would be discussed via e-mail.

FEMA Grants Update

2022 Grant has \$12,000 left.

2023 Grant has focused on cyber security, cameras for the Gathering Place, access control, and upgraded bullet proof doors also for the Gathering Place.

2024 Grant application to finish fencing, cameras in parking lot, security lighting for the driveway by the church drive through, and ballistic windows.

#### **Review of Action Items**

Discuss Council Brunch donation options.

Scott Slocum – Research the possible change in title of Pastoral Care Assistant to Intern.

#### **Lord’s Prayer**

#### **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

## Pastor Jonathan's May 2024 Report

- **Middle School**

*middle wednesdays* - We are in the home stretch for this group, but will continue to meet until June 12<sup>th</sup>. Our transition to our Lake Nights – formerly WOW – will begin after camp and the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend, on July 10<sup>th</sup>. These will be program nights out at Olympic Lutherhaven.

*middle sundays* – Thanks to Jacque Story and Jessica Voigt for shouldering most of the load this year. Great group of youth that were pretty consistent throughout the year, and last Sunday was our last gathering in class.

*middle camp* – Registration has gone pretty well, with a rush on our early bird pricing. We have just around 30 youth registered at this point. There is still plenty of planning to do and registration will be open until June 7<sup>th</sup>, but we are at a very good place right now.

- **Confirmation**

Our last class for the spring will be on May 19<sup>th</sup>, and we will be adding a teaching on justification, with a cool twist. We are going to hike up Green Mountain to hold our class at the top this Sunday.

- **High School**

*SLY Wednesdays* – Pretty much the same story as our middle Wednesdays

*SLY Sundays* – We also ended our classes this past Sunday, including some brainstorming for the future. One student hoped we could gather during brunches and cover a topic informally, or invite an adult to sit with us and share their story.

*Summer Servant Trip* – Jessica and our two youth headed to New Orleans are raising some individually sponsored funds for their trip, and things are looking good for this Gathering. They will be in NOLA from July 15<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>.

*Grad Sunday* – June 9<sup>th</sup> will be a blessing for our grads during the second service at 10:30am. This will be followed by a lunch for them and their families. We have at least 12 grads this year and I am working to meet with all of them before they leave at the end of the summer.

- **Spring/Summer Events** – We have a number of high school youth planning to be leaders for *middle camp*, *VBS*, and *All Church Camp* as previously reported, but I am

also hoping to engage most or all of our older youth in leadership in some way over the next year. I am implementing a CONNECT 4 project over the summer and into the fall that will hopefully engage youth around ADVENTURE, LEADERSHIP, SERVICE, and gathering at our LAKE NIGHTS noted above. Our first adventure is a hike on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, and there is also a mountain bike event scheduled for June 22<sup>nd</sup>. I am meeting with Cathy Bohman to figure out a service event or ongoing connection, using \$1000 in seed money we received from a member.

- **Young Adults** – Continuing to have a few visits with some young adults. We had a number of people move away the last year, but I am now seeing a couple and two individuals who have been regularly attending worship.

- **Other**

**The Great SLC Campout** – Formerly called Family Camp, this is going to be not just a re-naming, but a truly different experience. The food alone will be a highlight, but this is going to be a weekend worthy of many attending. June 28-30<sup>th</sup>. Rubenstein family is coordinating.

**Pastoral Care** – I had a military graveside and memorial this weekend and also worked on planning the memorial for Ben Borson coming up at the end of July. I am meeting with Kim Holmes-Grasmick every week to check on needs for visits, etc.

**Internship** – I will be supervising Kim as well in her internship for Luther Seminary. I had some supervision with her before, so looking forward to further connection.

**Sabbatical Coverage** – I am enjoying the Thursday Exodus class, and just started meeting with Bruce on Mondays. Some of the Sunday duties will get a bit lighter with an end to Sunday School. I was also asked about Mandate, so plan to attend that in May. Not sure about June, but I cannot do it in July. A few other things have come up, but so far so good.