



Council Meeting **Monday, June 10, 2024**

Minutes

Call to Order

Vice-president Scott Slocum called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM. Councilmembers in attendance were Treasurer Cheryl Miller, Bob Arper, Jo Schaefer, Karen McNamara, Jacque Story, Teresa Walton, Katie Shaw, Pastor Jonathan Sansgaard, and Jane Rasely who monitored recording and prepared minutes. Pastor William Crabtree was on sabbatical. Bradley Posadas and Sue Shultz were absent and excused. Scott Grasmick was absent.

Opening Prayer

Pastor Jonathan Sansgaard

Devotions

Led by Scott Slocum

Review and approval of Meeting Minutes - May 13, 2024

Removal of the second PM from adjournment and a parenthesis needed to be added after Karen McNamara's name.

Motion: I move to approve the meeting minutes as amended.

Walton/Shaw: Passed Unanimously

Treasurer's Report

Cheryl Miller updated us on the financial status of the church.

Unfinished Business (Action Items/Updates)

Title Change for Kim Grasmick – Scott Slocum Council Brunch Donation

Scott stated this had been completed.

Council Brunch Donations – Katie Shaw

Discussion of where to apply brunch funds raised occurred. It was decided to support the SLC 75th Anniversary Dinner scholarship fund, first and then any funds leftover would be given to Lutherhaven for the improvements they are making to the camp.

Motion: I move to use funds raised from the SLC Council brunch to support the scholarship fund for the SLC 75th Anniversary Dinner with any leftover funds going to Lutherhaven.

Rasely/Story: Passed Unanimously

Pastors' Reports

Pastor Jonathan Sansgaard – (See attached)

Council Reports (Verbal)

Youth (Jacque Story) – Echoed Pastor Jonathan's updates and mentioned the Scouts would be very busy this summer with trips and activities.

Evangelism/Outreach (Teresa Walton) – Stated she and Kathleen Johnson were both pretty booked with work and could we hire someone to design and upgrade our website. Welcome cart is not getting a lot of takers for the gift bags being offered. Thoughts of how to create activity around the cart were discussed.

Education (Karen McNamara) – VBS and camps are coming up, free little library is getting a lot of visitors, and Jessica is working on making pre-school connections.

Worship and Music (Jo Schaefer) – Pictures of the new organ (which will be here next week) are being circulated by Justin. Concert series has been well received.

Social Concerns (Katie Shaw) – 16 Refugee hygiene kits were made and will be delivered to Lutheran Community Services NW this week. Refugees and asylum seekers are being moved into new housing and furniture is needed.

Property and Grounds (Bob Arper) – Spoke about the truck that was in our parking lot for several days. In order to have abandoned or unauthorized vehicles towed, we must have signs posted in order to NOT be liable for the towing costs of those vehicles. It was decided that sign wording is key for that. Widening the driveway is being considered to facilitate the flow of two-way traffic. Joel Corlew gave up his position on the Lutherhaven Board. Alternates will fill in until a new board member can be appointed. New well reservoir at Lutherhaven was installed. Church Mutual refused to renew Lutherhaven's insurance. Still a need for more lifeguards as well.

New Business (Discussion/Action)

Parking Lot Towing Signs – Bob Arper
Discussed during Council Reports.

Tree Trimming/Possible Removal – Bob Arper

Described the possible tree trimming around the church building to facilitate less gutter cleaning as well as possible removal of the trees along the west border of the parking lot.

Council Meeting in July – Meeting was cancelled.

Review of Action Items

Bob Arper - Estimate of tree trimming and/or possible removal along west side of parking lot
Pastor Jonathan Sansgaard – Speak at staff meeting about hiring website contractor.

Teresa Walton – Will request a couple of bids on website design and upgrade.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion: I move to approve the minutes from the June 10, 2024, meeting.

Arper/Shaw: Passed Unanimously

Lord's Prayer

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Pastor Jonathan's June 2024 Report

- **Middle School**

middle wednesdays - This is our last week for Youth Nights, but Jessica and I are wondering about the possibility of having these gatherings and the high school gatherings on different nights. Will be exploring in the summer, but the one word themes for each month seemed to work well.

middle sundays – On break for the summer. Need to do some evaluation for this and Sunday School in general, probably in July.

middle camp – Registration is now closed for middle camp, and we are one camper short of tying last year's registration record with 41 campers. We also have a cadre of counselors and helpers, so now Jessica and I will be at work putting all the pieces together. I honestly thought we might hit 50 this year, but very happy to see it sustaining the 25% growth we saw last year.

- **Confirmation**

On break for the summer, but since we extended to an 18 month program and have no fall retreat, I am contemplating a fall campout in Sequim like we used to do with our 7-9th graders. We had a great hike in May that I think went a ways toward connecting the group together.

- **High School**

SLY Wednesdays – We have our last Youth Night with a celebration for grads this week, and then will transition to **Lake Nights** (formerly **WOW**) out at Olympic Lutherhaven starting on July 10th and going through the middle of August. We will be in partnership with other ELCA churches connected with the camp.

SLY Sundays – Same as middle above.

Summer Servant Trip – About a month until we send two youth and Jessica to New Orleans for the National ELCA Gathering. We have been making some initial plans for what would be our “Northwest” servant trip for 2025. It may be a mystery theme, so more to come on that.

Grad Meet ups – I have met with about 5 of our high school grads so far, and looking forward to connecting with the rest by the end of July. I try and do this every year to treat them and give them some one on one care.

- **Spring/Summer Events** – *This is nearly verbatim from last month but want to keep it in here again with a few updates.* We have several 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. The hike on June 2nd was very wet, but had about 10 attend. There is also a mountain bike event scheduled for June 22nd, and I am working to connect with some experienced adult helpers for that. I met with Cathy Bohman to look at a possible service event or ongoing connection, using \$1000 in seed money we received from a member. I also have a list from that member I am reviewing. We may be looking at a very early fall kickoff for this if we can't gather enough youth over the summer.

- **Young Adults** – I have kind of fallen off in my visits, but did have a good pastoral care connection with one young adult recently.

- **Other**

The Great SLC Campout – This registration has also closed, but looks like it got a lot more traction this year, and some new people connecting as well, including my own family and some friends from outside the congregation.

Pastoral Care – Still meeting with Kim regularly and doing about a visit a week on average. I also had a miraculous breakthrough with a tough situation thanks to some courage and grace on the part of one of our members.