

**Long Lake Lutheran Church
Council Meeting Minutes
October 20, 2022**

Attendees: Ronda Fenlon, Pastor Sue Olson, Amanda Saelens, Julie Nielsen, John Hass, Margaret Bauer, Monica Peterson, Bruce Yurich, Mike Schlegel, and Denise Sunderland

Meeting called to order by Ronda@ 6:01 PM
Lighting of the Christ Candle by Pastor Sue

Recommendation from the Executive team to appoint Denise Sunderland for the remaining 4 month term to the open council seat

1st motion made by Julie N.

2nd motion made by John H.

Discussion – Council DL email address needs to be updated

Motion passed

Devotions/Prayer: Mike S.-Gifts and Talents (all come from God free)

Approval of September Meeting Minutes-this was done via email

Approval of October Agenda

1st motion made by Mike S.

2nd motion made by Amanda S.

Discussion – Add Facility Use under New Business

Motion passed

Reports- Thank you for submitting reports prior to the meeting. Ronda will cross check her email for submitted reports that she did not receive.

Staff

Executive Team

Council Teams- Please review the Stewardship packet email sent and give feedback.

ONGOING (Recurring items)

Highs/Lows

Budget additions- Please share any additional budget items to help provide to the Finance team. They have begun the process for the 2023 budget.

Celebrations- Please continue to share celebrations and take pictures of your team. We can share them with the congregation at the annual meeting. You can send your pictures to Joanna to save.

OLD BUSINESS

Constitution Review- Previously this year Kara H. looked over and provided feedback. The executive team will be meeting Tuesday October 25 to begin reviewing and referencing the Minneapolis Synod guidelines.

Custodian Position- We received several applicants. The Personnel team will begin interviewing next week. Ronda is checking with Kathy to see if she will be able to stay on to help and train new staff.

Admin Projects- Joanna has completed previous projects and can help council members for upcoming projects. Please send your team minutes to Joanna. She has created books for council teams. She also has begun to create an itemized yearly expense report for each team.

Master Calendar Review- Add “begin Budget process” to October,

September 2022 Finance Report- Bruce shared finance reports. There is a correction for the Founders Fund-the ending balance on the report is \$25,899.92 and the correction is \$24,307.62. Tim Newton of Newton Financials attended the team’s monthly meeting. He shared some investment options. These investments are

bond based mutual funds and result with a number of shares that produce reliable year over year income. A new investment fund was selected to increase the reliable annual income. The team is reviewing options for other funds for investing including some short term investments. Bruce reviewed the proposed budget with council. Bruce asked council to review 1st draft of the proposed budget with team members and bring back in November to review/revise.

Recommendation from the Finance team to have the Executive team be the authorized signers for investment accounts with Newton Financials (Ronda Fenlon, Bruce Yurich, Amanda Saelens, and Margaret Bauer)

1st motion made by John H.

2nd motion made by Mike S.

Discussion – none

Motion passed

Recommendation form the Finance team to have bank check signers to be Ronda Fenlon, Amanda Saelens, and Margaret Bauer

1st motion made by Mike S.

2nd motion made by John H.

Discussion –none

Motion passed

NEW BUSINESS

Facility use- Pastor Sue received a request from Isanti 4-H team asking to use our facility for an overnight Leadership group lock in consisting of 20 students and 2 adults for Jan 6-7th.

Recommendation to Approve Isanti County 4-H to use building with a refundable deposit Jan 6th-7th, 2023

1st motion made by Amanda S.

2nd motion made by Mike S.

Discussion – none

Motion passed

What is the thing that our community and our people would lose if this ministry/congregation disappeared entirely?

Safety/Security Policies

Green Policies

Housekeeping (Procedural Items)

November Council Reps-

9 AM Sunday- Amanda S.

6 PM Wednesday- Mike S.

Thanksgiving Eve- Julie N.

November Devotions- Amanda S

November Executive Team Meeting 11/14/22 @ 6 PM

November Council Meeting 11/17/22 @ 6 PM

December Executive Team Meeting 12/12/22 @ 6 PM

December Council Meeting 12/15/22 @ 5 PM (Potluck at Pastor Sue's home)

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Meeting adjourned @8:10 PM

1st motion made by Mike S.

2nd motion made by John H.

Discussion –none

Motion passed

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Bauer