



# COMMUNITY OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

6517 Finzel Road, Whitehouse, Ohio 43571

## Church Council Meeting Minutes – August 8, 2023

**In Attendance:** Kevin Swagler (President), Kara Yokum, (Vice-President), Sarah Rockwell (Secretary), Lainie Davis, Pam Davis, Laurie DeWitz, Becky King, Tammy Myers, Don Schroeder, Zach Weber, Kathryn Whitacre, Carol Wiemken, Joe Perkins

Absent: Becky King

Guests: Michelle Gebhardt, Wayne King, Matt DeWitz, Pastor Lee Ann Pomrenke

**Call to Order & Opening Devotions:** Kevin Swagler called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. Kathryn Whitacre read the devotions and Pam Davis volunteered to lead devotions for the next meeting.

**Agenda:** Tammy Myers moved to approve the agenda and Don Schroeder seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- House of Worship Security Program Report – Kathryn gave an overview of the training. Matt DeWitz explained more. The attendees will decide whether to organize as a committee or a task force and get back to Church Council.

### Committee Reports

- Finance
  - Treasurers Report- (Joseph) – Building fund is short of budget by \$1238. General fund is \$3239 more than expenses. Tammy Myers moved to accept the treasurer's report as presented. Don Schroeder seconded. Motion carried.
  - Finance Committee Report (Kara) – There was a discussion relating to Thank You Offering Funds and communication to Joseph and Michelle when funds are approved. It appears there were funds approved (\$2500 to LIRS and \$1000 for the ELCA Disaster Fund) during the February council meeting, but the payment wasn't made due to lack of communication to the treasurer to make the payment. Subsequently, after approval of council in the June meeting, additional moneys were allocated from the Thank You Offering funds (See June, 2023 minutes) based on the balance Joseph reported, which included the money that should have been paid in February. Laurie DeWitz moved that council make the full payments that were approved. Tammy Myers seconded the motion. Motion carried. In the interest of time for discussion of the proposed Memorial Fund Policy, Kara recommended we postpone discussion until the September meeting.
- Pastor's Report – No Report

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- Education and Youth (Lainie) – No Report.
- Outreach (Zach/Tammy) – September 23<sup>rd</sup> – We are going to participate in Roche De Boeuf. They will pass out bags with some items from the church and plan to play the promotional video at the booth, if possible. They are also participating in October Boo to Do on October 26<sup>th</sup> in downtown Waterville. Zach shared ideas to introduce the new pastor.
- Property (Don) – See Attached Report
- Worship and Music (Carol) – See Attached Report
- Social Action (Becky and Kathryn) – There will be a blood drive end of August. They are working on school kits. Carrie Touhy offered to head this up in the future.
- Fellowship (Pam/Kara) – No Report
- Stewardship (Laurie) – Tina Baden is working with Unify to get the new website up and running.

### Unfinished Business

1. 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – The focus of the committee at this time is Blue Jean Sunday. Pastor Ray is excited to preach and Pastor Lee Ann will preside over the service. Setting up a table to promote and for sign ups through August. We are still collecting school supplies for Salem. There will be a write up in the newspaper regarding our anniversary celebration.
2. Website Information Request – covered in Stewardship discussion.
3. Review of Janitorial Service Proposals – After discussion, Tammy Myers moved to secure services from B Clean Pro Service after references have been checked. Laurie DeWitz seconded. Motion carried.
4. God's Work Our Hands – Sarah Rockwell along with Cheryl Fischer, are planning a Saturday morning at Tatum Park, helping gardening for Urban Wholistics. This is on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. We will meet in the church parking lot and be ready to leave at 10:30 am. The event is from 11-2 or 3 pm, depending on the tasks. Anyone could leave at any time on their own.

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1. Review of Congregation Meeting and next steps. The goal is for Pastor Bond to preside at worship for the first time on September 24<sup>th</sup>, but it is not finalized yet.
2. Review of needs for Supply Pastor services – Pastor Lee Ann Pomrenke has agreed to continue with us. She has one date, August 27<sup>th</sup>, that conflicts with a family event but she was able to get someone to cover for her – Jeanine Grimm, a SAM.
3. Letter from Pastor Lohrmann – Kevin read a farewell/status of the congregation letter from Pastor Lohrmann.

### Adjournment and Prayer

- Laurie DeWitz moved to adjourn the meeting. Zach Weber seconded the motion. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:57, followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting: September 12, 2023

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