



COMMUNITY OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

6517 Finzel Road, Whitehouse, Ohio 43571

Church Council Meeting Minutes – March 14, 2023

In Attendance: Kevin Swagler (President), Kara Yokum, (Vice-President), Sarah Rockwell (Secretary), Lainie Davis, Laurie Dewitz, Becky King, Tammy Myers, Don Schroeder, Zach Weber, Kathryn Whitacre

Absent: Pastor Lohrmann, Pam Davis, Joe Perkins, Carol Wiemken

Guests: Laurie Mauro, Cinda Pontsler

Call to Order & Opening Devotions: Kevin Swagler called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm. Don Schroeder led devotions and Tammy Myers volunteered to lead devotions for the next meeting.

Agenda: Motion to approve the amended agenda made by Laine Davis. Tammy Myers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Visitor Presentations:

1. Laurie Mauro – Property Committee approved plans for Prairie Project. We discussed size, shape possibilities. The committee will present this project to the congregation and open up to other volunteers beyond those on the report (See attached report). Don Schroeder moved to allow task force under the property committee, to proceed with plans for a prairie/meadow up to ¼ acre size on the back property. Becky King seconded. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

- Finance
 1. Treasurers Report- (Joseph) – See attached report. Finance needs to discuss a backup for Joseph. Sarah Rockwell moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, Becky King seconded. Motion carried.
 2. Finance Committee Report (Kara) – The financial audit is completed for calendar year 2022. Everything was in order and the books are neat and tidy. Joseph has a notebook of his policies as a backup should he become unavailable. They are recommending documenting overall financial policies. This audit is done annually. They do a mid-year review internally to spread out the work on the audit. Laurie Dewitz moved to approve the annual audit report. Laine David seconded. Motion carried.
- Pastors Report – No Pastor's report

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- Education and Youth (Lainie) – See attached report. They are looking at adding a Youth Leader position – see attached report. We discussed the number of hours, timing, etc. Laine Davis moved to approve the Youth Committee to move forward with a search for a Youth Leader. Kara Yokum seconded. Motion carried.
- Outreach (Zach/Tammy) – Robin Fritz is starting to update the church directory. Members who are registered with the program can update their own photo and information. See attached report.
- Property (Don) – See attached report. The remote front door unlock button for Michelle has been installed.
- Worship and Music (Carol) – No report.
- Social Action (Becky and Kathryn) – See attached report. Becky and Wayne worked at Salem last month helping with their takeout meal. The blood drive was successful.
- Fellowship (Pam/Kara) – Successful Trivia Night – about 28 in attendance. Dinners for 8 planned for April 29th. There is a sign-up sheet on the kiosk.
- Stewardship (Laurie) – Discussed alternative options for electronic giving. We will still have envelopes in 2024. Offering is improving. They are looking at options for someone to update our website.

Unfinished Business

1. 50th Anniversary – See report. First meeting was on February 26th. They are shooting for a celebration the first weekend of May, 2024. This would include dinner and a special worship service. They plan to have a 9 month celebration, starting with a kick off on September 10th – our first service 50 years ago was on September 9th as a mission church. They are looking for ideas for a monthly service project to give back. They are considering supporting a Refugee Family through LIRS. They will be contacting former members. The committee continues to work through logistics for the events.

New Business

1. Request for removal of membership - Madison Reid relocated to Columbus and has joined Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. Becky King moved to accept request to remove from roster. Kathryn Whitacre seconded. Motion carried.
2. Executive Committee recommended a pay adjustment for Pastor Lee Ann due to additional duties added while Pastor Lohrmann is out. Becky King moved to approve \$45 per hour for anything above and beyond the \$250 for each Sunday. Kathryn Whitacre seconded. Motion carried.

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3. Cleaning Position – consensus is that we need someone local, but Char is willing to continue through the end of March while we look for a new person. Executive committee will look for a person or a company to fill her position.

Adjournment and Prayer

- Kara Yokum moved to adjourn the meeting. Laine Davis seconded the motion. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:43, followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting: April 11, 2023

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