



# COMMUNITY OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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6517 Finzel Road, Whitehouse, Ohio 43571

## Church Council Meeting Minutes – May 9, 2023

**In Attendance:** Kevin Swagler (President), Kara Yokum, (Vice-President), Sarah Rockwell (Secretary), Laurie Dewitz, Becky King, Tammy Myers, Don Schroeder, Katherine Whitacre, Carol Wiemken, Zach Weber, Joe Perkins, Pastor Marcus Lohrmann

Absent: Laine Davis, Pam Davis

Guests: Brian Jones

**Call to Order & Opening Devotions:** Kevin Swagler called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. Carol Wiemken led devotions and Sarah Rockwell volunteered to lead devotions for the next meeting.

**Agenda:** Kevin added an item to the agenda. Motion to approve the amended agenda made by Kara Yokum. Zach Weber seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### Committee Reports

- Finance
  1. Treasurers Report- (Joseph) – Joseph explained the movement of funds within our accounts to maximize earnings with interest rates rising. April was a good month for offering with 5 Sundays, including Easter Sunday attendance. Don moved to approve the Treasurer's Report, Becky King seconded the motion. Motion carried.
  2. Finance Committee Report (Kara) – See attached report. They are reviewing the reports and functionality of the church's accounting software, looking to streamline and simplify the church reporting to council and the congregation. They are developing a Memorial Fund Policy, Expense Reimbursement Policy for all staff. They are planning to create a handbook with policies and procedures with the goal of having it before a new pastor will be called.
- Pastors Report – On May 7<sup>th</sup>, we accepted new members.
  - Kara moved to officially approve/accept the following new members: Doug, Rose Marie Ackerman, Alex Ackerman, Kathy Depinet, Brian Lowell and Tim and Carrie Tuohy, and Chad, Eryn, Evan and Cole Ackerman, Tammy Myers seconded the motion. Motion carried.
  - On May 14<sup>th</sup> Parker Ray, Natalie Dewitz, Nate Yokum and Jacob Detwiler will affirm their baptism into Christ through the rite of Confirmation. Kara Yokum moved that we accept the confirmands as official voting members of the church, Becky King seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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- Pastor thanked everyone for their support during his time of healing from his surgery, or as he refers to it, “The Great Disturbance” of his normal life! Beginning on May 28th, we will move to the Sunday Schedule with worship services at 9:00 am and an Intergenerational Bible Class (which means folks of any age!) at 10:15 am.
- Education and Youth (Lainie) – There have been no applicants for the new youth coordinator position. There will be a confirmation breakfast for students and their families before the service this coming Sunday (5/14).
- Outreach (Zach/Tammy) – See attached report. April 16<sup>th</sup> was a nametag Sunday. Cinda set up for nametags this past week as well. There was discussion about our experience at the Cherry Fest and Roche de Boeuf in Waterville.
- Property (Don) – See attached report. The outdoor sign is malfunctioning and needs repairing. Don Schroeder moved to approve up to \$1600 to repair the sign. Tammy Myers seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Worship and Music (Carol) – No report. Meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> of May.
- Social Action (Becky and Kathryn) – See attached report. Becky and Wayne King helped with the Tuesday meal at Salem.
- Fellowship (Pam/Kara) – Dinners for 8 was a success and well attended. Summer is usually slow with people on vacation. Activities will return this fall.
- Stewardship (Laurie) – See attached report. Moved forward with the development of a new website design. It should take 20-40 days.
- Guest Attendee - Brian Jones – We heard an update from Brian Jones on Call Committee activities.

### Unfinished Business

1. 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – See attached report. Kara gave an update on planning for the celebration. Since we have 2 key dates in the birth of the congregation, we will have two key dates with major activities. This coming September, we will kick off the celebration with outdoor activities and Blue Jean Sunday, a tradition from the early days of the church. Next May we will have a dinner at Anthony Wayne High School, where the congregation first met on Sundays.

### New Business

1. Executive Committee Report- Compensation for Pastoral Leadership. Pastor Lohrmann will be moving to a lighter schedule and sharing Sunday morning

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ministry with Pastor Lee Ann Pomrenke during the summer months as he continues his recovery. He will be available for crisis ministry and hospital visitation as well.

2. House of Worship Safety & Security Training – The Whitehouse police shared a flyer with us concerning this training. After discussion, Sarah Rockwell moved to approve the church covering costs for interested leadership to attend. Tammy Myers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### Adjournment and Prayer

- Laurie Dewitz moved to adjourn the meeting. Kara Yokum seconded the motion. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:10, followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting: June 13, 2023

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