



COMMUNITY OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

6517 Finzel Road, Whitehouse, Ohio 43571

Church Council Meeting Minutes – September 12, 2023

In Attendance: Kevin Swagler (President), Kara Yokum, (Vice-President), Sarah Rockwell (Secretary), Becky King, Don Schroeder, Zach Weber, Carol Wiemken, Joe Perkins

Absent: Laine Davis, Pam Davis, Laurie Dewitz, Tammy Myers, Kathryn Whitacre

Guests: Michelle Gebhart, Wayne King

Call to Order & Opening Devotions: Kevin Swagler called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. Becky King read the devotions and Carol Wiemken volunteered to lead devotions for the next meeting.

Agenda: Kara Yokum moved to approve the amended agenda and Zach Weber seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

- Finance
 - Treasurers Report- (Joseph) – See Report. Highlights – Building fund offering was close to the building expenses for the past month. Reported general fund expenses were sizably more than general fund income for the month. However, this was due to Pastor Steve’s moving fund allowance. Becky King moved to accept the report as presented. Carol Wiemken seconded. Motion Carried.
 - Finance Committee Report (Kara) – Kara recommended that we table the Memorial Funds policy discussion until Pastor Steve is here to provide input based on his previous experience.
- Risk Management Task Force – Wayne King informed us that the team wanted to organize as a task force under the Property Committee. After discussion, Kara Yokum presented a motion to approve the formation of the Risk Management Task Force under the Property Committee. Zach Weber seconded. Motion carried.
- Pastor’s Report – Discussion of Pastor Steve’s schedule. In addition to office hours at the church, he will be out and about throughout the community at announced locations and will have his day off on Fridays. He has found the off site opportunities to work well. His videos (daily devotions, etc.) will be compatible with Facebook, YouTube, Twitter and on our website. There was discussion of when to move back to two services and what time the 2nd service should be. Discussion tabled as we also want to include those who were not

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attending in the conversation via email. Installation for Pastor Steve will be at 6:30 pm on Thursday, October 5th.

- Education and Youth (Lainie) – The Lutheran Youth Gathering 2024 is in New Orleans. Early reservations open on September 15th. Pastor Steve has previous experience with the youth gathering. The first youth Sunday School will be September 24th after the 9:00 service.
- Outreach (Zach/Tammy) – Outreach is packing the bags for the Roche de Beouf festival in Waterville, on the 23rd of September. They have the church booth covered for volunteers. Zach Weber will explore sending a flyer to the surrounding communities, announcing our new pastor.
- Property (Don) – Prairie field update.
- 50th Anniversary Committee – Blue Jean Sunday was a success. They are busy planning the Anniversary dinner, which will occur on May 4th. The official anniversary service will be on Sunday morning, May 5th.
- Worship and Music (Carol) – No report. Next meeting is October 5th
- Social Action (Becky and Kathryn) – Our church will be sending 60 school kits to Lutheran World Relief. Wayne King is going down to help at Salem the 3rd Tuesday of each month.
- Fellowship (Pam/Kara) – No Report
- Stewardship (Laurie) –No Report

Unfinished Business

1. God's Work Our Hands – Sarah Rockwell and Cheryl Fischer, are planning a Saturday morning service project at Tatum Park in downtown Toledo, helping with gardening for Urban Wholistics on September 16th. We will meet in the church parking lot and be ready to leave at 10:30 am. The event is from 11-2 pm, depending on the tasks. Anyone can leave at any time on their own if they can't stay for the entire time. The T-Shirt supply has been replenished. (They are usually done by 1:00ish.)

New Business

1. Mutual Ministry Team – They have finalized the team: Kim Jones, Cheryl Fischer, Eryn Ackerman, Tina Baden, Cammie Abraham, Joan Bierley and Kari Swagler. The official support for the new pastor is broken into 3 distinct groups. The Mutual Ministry Team, Church Council, and the staff. This is designed to help both the congregation and pastor with the transition.

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Executive Session

Kevin Swagler called to move the meeting to Executive Session for a quick discussion.

Executive portion of the meeting was adjourned.

Adjournment and Prayer

- Carol Wiemken moved to adjourn the meeting. Kara Yokum seconded the motion. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:08, followed by the Lord's Prayer.

Next meeting: October 10, 2023

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