

Spring Lake Lutheran Church Council Meeting
August 8th, 2023
In Person/St John's Lutheran

Present: Dale Place, Kay Place, Jessica Hanson, Trudy Rew, Kim Davis, Duey Davis, Sue Wood, Cindy Jensen, Ray Dohm, Pastor Bob Friese via telephone.

Call to Order:

President Dale Place called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Agenda:

A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented, by Cindy Jensen, 2nd by Duey Davis, Motion carried.

Opening Prayer:

Pastor Bob Friese led council in opening prayer.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor Bob Friese provided copies of this report to Council for review. A motion to approve this Pastor's report by Cindy Jensen, 2nd by Sue Wood, Motion carried.

Secretary's Minutes:

A motion was made to approve July 2023 Secretary's Minutes as presented with the following corrections (1. Grace Webb sent a thank you card for confirmation gift and Elmwood Food Pantry sent a thank you card. 2. Spring Lake Lutheran does not have a credit card for purchasing supplies. There is only a tax ID that Sue Wood has), by Cindy Jensen, 2nd by Duey Davis, Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

A motion was made to approve the July 2023 Treasurer's report as presented on paper with the following corrections (1. July total expenses: \$4780.34, General Fund \$7307). by Ray Dohm, 2nd by Jessica Hanson, Motion carried.

Money Market to Accessibility Funds

A motion was made to move \$2731.03 out of the money market to accessibility funds to equal \$10,000 by Ray Dohm, 2nd by Duey Davis, Motion carried.

Old Business:

1) Monthly Items:

- *Fall Festival:* Fall Festival 2022 had catering services that were provided by Kern's Curbside. Trudy Rew will contact Kern's Curbside and Sue Wood will contact Mel Schroeder to get quotes for catering. Fall Festival will be on October 15th. Rich Schroeder will provide music.

2) Parish Directory:

- Tabled until next summer.

3) Custodian

- The new Custodian is considered a contractor and not an employee of Spring Lake Lutheran.

4) Sunday School Teachers:

- Pastor Friese will contact Spring Lake Sunday School Teachers to see if they will agree to stay on as teachers.

5) Background Checks

- All background checks need to be turned in by August 15th, 2023, for anyone working with youth. This has been extended from August 10, 2023.

New Business

1) New Parish Administrator and Assistant Administrator

- Peg Linge is the new administrator, and her hours will be 8 am to noon, Monday through Thursday. Jessica Hanson is the Assistant Administrator and will be working five hours a week.

2) Parish Executive Meeting Review

- The parish executive meeting was held on August 6th, 2023. St John`s and Parish are looking for Treasurers. For Ann`s retirement she will receive \$300 (\$100 from each church).

3) Call Committee Members:

- Call committee members are needed, one man and one woman from each church. There was a question if anyone from the Parish Council has reached out to Pastor Friese and see if he would be willing to stay and if he would be, no call committee would be needed.

4) Parish Profile:

- The Ministry site profile needs to be updated. All council members should review and there will be a discussion at the next council meeting. It was recommended that Parish council members from each church provide update at the next Parish Council meeting to represent each church.

5) Church Building Issues:

- Holding tank: The holding tank is getting pumped. It will eventually need to be looked at. If it needs to be repaired, many trees need to be removed. The council will get bids and hold off until Spring 2024.
- Rain Gutters: The rain gutter is hooked up so water will move away from the church. Since the gutters were hooked back up the sewer alarms have not been going off. Tim Anderson cleaned the gutters in April. The council will be sending him a gift card.
- Front Step Carpet: The front step carpet is starting to come off. For now, it just needs to be glued back down until a carpet installer is hired to replace the carpet.
- Trees: The owner of the house that is located behind the church may be interested in removing the trees.
- 2023 LP Contract: Ray Dohm will fill out the contract. LP is 1.499 and it is paid for when the LP is delivered.

6) Parish Agreement:

- The Parish Agreements need to be revisited to see if any updates/changes are necessary.

7) Constitution and By-Laws

- Each church constitution and bylaws need to be revisited and updated if necessary.

Comments, Concerns, Rumors or Perceptions

- Table was opened for council members to discuss any concerns they may have.

**Next council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday September 12th, 2023, at 5:30 pm.
Location: St Johns Library.**

Adjourn Spring Lake Council Meeting

A motion to adjourn this meeting was made at 6:50 P.M. was made by Cindy Jensen, 2nd by Ray Dohm, Motion carried.

Closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Davis