

Spring Lake Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes November 11, 2025

Attendance: Jessica H, Kay P, Dale P, Tracy N, Julie W, Sue W, Duey D, Cindy J, Pastor Bob, Ray D (by phone)

Call to Order: Jess started the meeting at 5:46 pm.

Agenda: Jess added "Water Issues" to New Business. Dale made a motion to approve the agenda. Duey 2nd. All approved. Motion carried.

Secretary Report: Cindy made a motion to approve the report. Sue 2nd. All approved. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report: Dale made the motion to approve the report. Cindy 2nd. All approved. Motion carried.

Old Business:

- Benevolence-Brandie updated the report, funds are now listed, all is good.
- Spring Lake Fall Festival-Festival was great, musicians donated their funds back to the church, Mel S would not take payment for catering. Dale made a motion to give Mel S \$300 as a gift of appreciation for catering the meal. Cindy 2nd. All approved. Motion carried.
- Fire Extinguishers-Waiting for call back.
- Furnace Filters-Have been changed. SL to decorate for Christmas after service on Nov. 16. Winter window prep will be done at that time also.
- IRS Refund-Nothing new to report.

New Business:

- Budget-It was determined that SL would receive 15% of the parish budget for 2026. The parish budget is \$154,400, with SL's portion being \$23,166. Note: This may vary slightly in the final draft. Jess, Dale, Kay and Cindy will work on the budget with a goal of having a budget to present at the next council meeting. Additional note: St Johns is looking for donations from SL and Gilman for snow removal, electricity, etc as all three churches use the St. John's church building. St. Johns has proposed \$200/mo. Jess will reach out to Gilman president to discuss further and report back to the council for discussion next month.
- Insurance Information-Church Mutual has made revisions to the coverage policy. One concern is the height of the windows above ground level. Windows will be measured on Nov 16 during winter prep to determine if the church windows are within the requirements to maintain coverage.

- Johnson Mowing-The church received the bill of \$600 for the mowing season. This led to a discussion of including a monetary gift of thanks with the holiday season approaching and who should be included on this appreciation list. This discussion was tabled until the next council meeting with the request of council members to come to the Dec meeting with a list of names of appreciation.
- Water Issues-SL is facing water issues again. Testing is now required monthly. Ray will talk to Hoyers about how to treat well. Pierce County also has certain requirements to now follow for the next year. Ray will work with the county to decide on the best course of action and bring this information to the next council meeting.

Round Table:

- Coffee Fellowship will continue. Volunteers needed.
- Jess will contact the custodian to ensure church has needed supplies (ie. paper towels, toilet paper, etc) replaced.
- A discussion of ordering/creating Trinity Lutheran “business” cards to hand out to visitors with the church service hours and website information.
- Pastor Bob’s Report/Joint Council Meeting
 - Nov 26-No Confirmation-Worship service will still happen from 7-7:30pm at St. John’s.
 - Blue Christmas service-coincides with the winter solstice-planning for Dec 21-Sunday afternoon, Time: TBD
 - Advent devotionals-available to all who would like one
 - Dec 14th-Sunday School Christmas Program-10am at St. John’s
 - Laura Heineman has started a Youth Group for Confirmed Teens-they meet on Weds at St John’s
 - Christmas services: Dec 24-SL: 4pm; SJ: 7pm and Dec 25-Gil 10am
 - The Giving Tree is up at Spring Valley Drug-see Mel W for more information

Next Council Meeting: December 9, 2025 at 5:30pm.

Adjourn: 7:16pm Dale made a motion to adjourn. Cindy 2nd. All approved. Motion carried.