

Spring Lake Lutheran Church Council Meeting Minutes December 9, 2025

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

Call to Order: Jess started the meeting at 5:36 pm.

Agenda: Jess added "Annual Meeting and Reports" and "Upcoming Funeral" to New Business. Dale made a motion to approve the agenda. Duey 2nd. All approved. Motion carried.

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

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

Old Business:

- Benevolence-Brandie confirmed that this has been paid quarterly, with Q4 to be sent in January.
- Fire Extinguishers-Have been tested, one was replaced, a bill will be sent to the church office. There were 3 fire extinguishers-kitchen, Pastor's change room, back of church. Ray believes there are 4 and will look the next time he is at the church.
- Furnace Filters-All furnace filters have been changed.
- IRS Refund-Nothing new to report.
- Holiday gifts-Dale paid Mel S. the \$300 approved from the November meeting and will submit a request for reimbursement to the church office. Dale asked if the mowing bill from Jeff Johnson had been paid. Jess will check on that. It wasn't on the Treasurer's Report, but may have been paid in December. It was discussed at the November meeting to create a list of names for gift appreciations. Musicians were mentioned and they are gifted from the Parish. Jeremy Johnson was named for snow plowing. Dale made a motion to gift Jeremy Johnson \$150 for appreciation of snow plowing at SL church. Cindy 2nd. All approved. Motion carried.
- Water issue update-SL Church has been downgraded from DNR to private well. This means we no longer need to go through the county for testing; we can take water samples or continue to have Hoyers take the water samples. The well has again been chlorinated, ran for 30 minutes, and Hoyers have taken another sample to test. Ray has not heard back on the results. Ray also changed the water filter. As of this meeting, do not drink the water at the church.

New Business:

- Budget Review and Approval-Discussion of the budget, with Dale pointing out a new line item of “SL Dues to St. Johns.” This is a payment to St Johns to help with monthly costs of keeping St Johns open and available to all three congregations (covers snow plowing, heat/lights for Confirmation classes, etc.). Kay made a request to change “SL Postage and Delivery” to “SL PO Box” to clarify the purpose of the account. Duey made a motion to approve the budget. Tracy 2nd. All approved. Motion carried.
- Cleaning Checklist-There isn’t a contract with the current cleaning person. Jess states that verbal communication has been great, but would like to see a checklist created to state expectations of cleaning services. The cleaning person has been asked not to bring her dogs to the church when she cleans, a mess was found while decorating the church for Christmas. Cindy will check filters on vacuums at church.
- Funeral on Saturday-In preparation for the funeral on Dec. 13, someone needs to turn the heat up on Friday, sidewalks need to be shoveled and salted. Duey stated he was able to do this. Water may need to be brought to the church if water testing results are not back. The opening and closing of the church checklist is in the kitchen. Cindy will call Sue to replace old candles with the new candles.
- Annual Meeting and Reports-Brandie is requesting to get things in for the January newsletter earlier than usual. Annual reports need to be sent to Brandie before the Feb 15 Annual SL Church Meeting.

Round Table:

- Pastor Bob’s Report/Joint Council Meeting
 - Christmas service:
 - Blue Christmas 12/21 St. Johns @ 3pm
 - Christmas Eve 12/24 Spring Lake @ 4pm
 - Christmas Eve 12/24 St Johns @ 7pm
 - Christmas Day 12/25 Gilman @ 10am
 - Information to Office for Annual Reports; meeting minutes
 - Candles for Christmas Services-SL has a box of candles by the organ
 - Readers for all Christmas services needed.
 - Pastor will be out of town after Christmas Day service, but back for worship on Sunday.

Next Council Meeting: January 13 at 5:30pm.

Adjourn: 6:34pm Dale made a motion to adjourn. Duey 2nd. All approved. Motion carried. Closed with the Lord’s Prayer.