

Spring Lake Lutheran Church Council Meeting
March 14, 2023
In Person/St John's Lutheran

Present: Dale and Kay Place, Trudy Rew, Kim Davis, Duey Davis, Ray Dohm, Jessica Hanson, Sue Wood and Pastor Bob Friese

Introduction: Introductions of Council Member's completed to introduce new members as well as introductions of council to Pastor Friese.

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 Ray Dohm, 2nd by Duey Davis, Motion carried.

Opening Prayer: Pastor Friese led council in an opening prayer.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor Friese presented a paper copy of his report and reviewed with council.

Secretary's Minutes:

A copy of the February Secretary's minutes was presented and reviewed. A motion was made to approve the February 2023 Secretary's Minutes by Trudy Rew, 2nd by Duey Davis, Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report:

A copy of the February Treasurer's report was presented and reviewed. A motion was made to approve the February 2023 Treasurer's report with the correction of the name Mark changed to Mary Jane by Duey Davis, 2nd by Ray Dohm, Motion carried.

Old Business:

Monthly Items:

- 1st Communion will take place during Maundy Thursday.
- Easter services will not be at Spring Lake this year, so no decorating will need to be done.
- Good Friday will be at Spring Lake but will not need to be decorated as there will be the stripping of the alter.
- There will not be a Pancake Supper this year as there is not enough volunteers to help. This will be reviewed again next year.
- Spring Cleaning: is not needed this year.
- Fundraiser for camp: this is not needed as the funds for camp will be taken out of the Neiderhauser account.

Updating Bylaws:

President Dale Place reviewed the current bylaws and they should be reviewed annually. The

only way to change any of the bylaws is at the annual meeting. If it is found that any of the current bylaws need to be changed, it will have to be ready by the end of the year so the changes can be presented at the annual meeting.

Herm Lundgren Second Account:

A check was received from the Herm Lundgren account in the amount of \$17093.58. Trudy Rew deposited this check in the General Fund Account. A motion was made to transfer this amount of money out of the General Fund to a Money Market account by Ray Dohm, 2nd by Jessica Hanson. Motion carried.

Someone to Audit Parish Books:

Randy and Kathy Nyeggen were considering representing Spring Lake to audit the Parish books but no one has heard back from them. Dale Place will reach out to them.

Custodian Retirement:

Mary Jane Hecker will be done with custodian duties in June. There was a discussion that if no one applies to take her position, would it be an option to hire one person to provide custodian duties for all three churches. The custodian duties will also need to be rewritten. Council will need to find someone to make sure the sidewalks are shoveled or swept off prior to services and someone to open and lock the church before and after services. WELCA can also help with some of these things. This will be reviewed again at the next council meeting.

Synod Assembly April 29, 2023:

Spring Lake will pay for the registration fees. Registration must be received by April 19th. This will take place at Bethany Lutheran in Rice Lake. Jessica Hanson is interested in attending.

Update Signature Card:

- Shelli Wood and Dale Place are currently on the signature card for the Contingency Fund in Elmwood Bank. A motion was made to replace Shelli Wood with Sue Wood on the signature card for the Contingency Fund by Ray Dohm, 2nd by Kim Davis, Motion Carried.
- Jennie Place is currently on the signature card for the Neiderhauser Fund. This will be tabled until next month as it needs to be verified if one or two signatures are needed.

Usher/Reader/Communion Assistant List to the Church Office:

Trudy Rew continues to call members of the church to see who is willing to usher, read or help with communion. Trudy will bring the list to the next meeting. If there is not enough members that are willing to help, the confirmation students will assist.

Risa Carlson-Musician Paperwork is Pending

The paperwork for Risa is in her mailbox and has not been filled out yet.

New Business:

Updates from Recent Parish Meeting:

- All three Council Presidents are on the Parish Council
- Dues that are due in March will be half of the amount of what they normally are.
- The newsletter will go away in June. Only members that have no emails will continue to

receive them if requested. All others will get them by email or they can look at the church Website. There will also be a newsletter posted at the back of each church. This will help cut back on the cost of mailing 300 newsletters and the three reams of paper that is used.

- There was a discussion on if background checks are needed for anyone working with the youth.

Do we have anyone graduating from Spring Lake?

Spring Lake does not have anyone graduating from high school this year. Gilman and St John`s do and they would like to switch services in May. Gilman would like to change their service to May 14th. Gilman and St Johns will coordinate this and will be announced in the bulletin.

Church in the Park:

A discussion took place about having services in the park this summer with St John`s as a back up plan if it would rain. This would be for the last Sunday of June, July, and August. A motion was made to have church services in the park the last Sunday of the month during June, July, and August, by Ray Dohm, 2nd by Kim Davis, Motion carried.

Church Website/Facebook:

A discussion took place on the need to get more information on the church website and Facebook. Right now, Britt is the only one trying to keep it updated. Jessica Hanson will investigate this and may be interested.

Zoom Meetings for Council Members Unable to Make a Council Meeting in Person:

Parish is already paying for zoom so it will be an option if a council member is ill or on a trip, so that they could still be part of the meeting.

Comments, Concerns, Rumors or Perceptions

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

Next council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 11th at 5:30 pm. Location: St Johns

Adjourn Spring Lake Council Meeting

A motion to adjourn this meeting was made at 6:54 P.M. was made by Ray Dohm., 2nd by Duey Davis, Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Davis