

Spring Lake Lutheran Church Council Meeting  
November 15, 2022  
In Person/St John's Lutheran

**Present:** Pastor Amelia Houdek, Trudy Rew, Shelli Wood, Kim Davis, Duey Davis, Ray Dohm, Dale Place (Guest).

**Call to Order:**

President Shelli Wood called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**Opening Prayer/Devotion:** Pastor Amelia led council in opening prayer and devotions

**Agenda:**

A motion was made to approve the agenda as presented with no written Treasures Report, by Ray Dohm, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Duey Davis, Motion carried.

**Pastor's Report:**

Pastor's report presented and reviewed. Pastor Amelia will be making some edits to this report as they do not pertain to Spring Lake and will re submit. Pastor Amelia will be out of office on 11/27/22 and 12/5/22.

**Secretary's Minutes:**

A motion was made to approve October 2022 Secretary's Minutes by Duey Davis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trudy Rew, Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Ray Dohm presented a verbal treasure's report and will send copy to council (this has been received on 11/20/2022). As of 10/31/2022 there is \$125,485.85 in the General Fund. A motion was made to approve the October 2022 Treasurer's report as presented by Kim Davis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trudy Rew, Motion carried.

**Old Business:**

- 1) Fall Festival Report: There was enough money out of the free will offering to pay for the musicians. There was left over food that was sent to "Seniors Staying Put" and a thank you card was received from them.
- 2) Listening Sessions: Listening sessions are done
- 3) Gift card for Mary Jane from Spring Lake Church: This is purchased and needs to be giving to Mary Jane

**New Business**

- 1) Survey: Shelli Wood presented a copy of a survey that will be mailed to members of the congregation. Council reviewed the copy of the survey that was presented in two different styles. It was agreed that that one sheet with the instructions will be easier to understand. Some edits will be done prior to mailing this survey out. This will be mailed out with a stamped return envelope.
- 2) Thanksgiving Eve Service: Thanksgiving Service will be at St Johns at 7 pm. The

Community Choir will be singing during the service and there will be fellowship after.

- 3) Annual Meeting and Notifications: The annual meeting will be on January 15<sup>th</sup> after the Spring Lake Lutheran service.
- 4) Budget: The Budget will be worked on at the next council meeting
- 5) Offering Envelopes: The offering envelopes are ordered but have not been received yet.
- 6) Open Council Positions: Trudy Rew and Duey Davis will remain on council for another year. The rest of the council positions are open. It is suggested that a policy be written that explains the role and details of the position. This way people will know what to expect if they get elected to one of the open positions. The Constitution and Bylaws need to be reviewed and updated if necessary to determine how many people are needed to be on a council. Volunteers are still needed for the Nominating Committee. This could be done in the newsletter or announcement during church service.
- 7) Pastor`s Vacation Request: Pastor Amelia will be on vacation 11/27/22 and 12/4/22. A supply pastor is in place for 12/4/22.
- 8) Statement for Proceeds from the Sale of Parsonage: Currently Spring Lakes portion of the money received from the sale of the parsonage is in the general fund. Council had a discussion on creating a constitution that says how much council can spend out of the sale of the parsonage funds. Also, a discussion on where this money should go (stay in general fund, put in high interest account, divide between several accounts) and having congregation vote on this. This will be tabled for now until a congregational vote is done. It is agreed that this money will be put into a new account that is designated just for the money received from the sale of the parsonage. A motion was made to open a new account that will be used just for the money received from the sale of the parsonage by Trudy Rew, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Duey Davis. Motion carried.
- 9) Membership List: This will be discussed at the next church council meeting.
- 10) Update Bylaws Prior to Annual Meeting: This was already discussed during open council positions discussion #6.

**Next council meeting is scheduled for Monday December 12th at 5:30 pm. Location to be determined**

### **Adjourn Spring Lake Council Meeting**

A motion to adjourn this meeting was made at 6:43 P.M. was made by Kim Davis., 2nd by Duey Davis, Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Davis