

St Andrew's Lutheran Church Council Meeting

April 24, 2019, 6:15 pm

St. Andrew's is recognized as a Christian community, celebrating God's love through serving others, and working for peace and justice.

Call to order: 6:40 pm

Devotions: Pastor Jeff

Prayers: by Council

Attending: Amanda Ahrens, Dave Putz, Steve Louks, Gene Takle, Alice Thompson, Lori Paulson, Solveig Rice, Al Jergens, Pastor Jeff Alvestad

Consent agenda (sent out ahead of time, approved in one vote)

Approval/revision of agenda – motion made to approve consent agenda; motion passed.

Approval of March minutes – motion made to approve March minutes; motion passed.

Website discussion – Heather (office secretary) presented various website design options. Several youth were present for this discussion and provided thoughtful suggestions. Many recommendations were passed onto Heather to pass on to the website design company. Council will review website designs as they become available.

Approval of Treasurer's report – Dave Putz

- Financial health of the church is good. Congregations giving (income) is on normal track, recovering from poor attendance (giving) due to winter weather.
- Rental properties shortfall has been eliminated through normal cash flow. All three rental houses are rented and negotiations are in progress for space in Colorado Junction.

Pastor's Report – Initial mailing of welcome postcard to St Andrews has been sent. Pastor Jeff is contacting members who are new or haven't been attending, but who have attended services recently, along with any other suggested by council/congregation.

Committee updates

- Audit committee – committee members have been identified and are waiting for further instructions on the process
- EMF – scholarship applications will be coming out soon, gathering information about possible fall activities
- Outreach – continue to send out welcoming cards and passing information onto Pastor Jeff
- Finance – fundraising for capital projects has been discussed, with follow-up this fall
- Property – All three rental houses are rented and negotiations are in progress for space in Colorado Junction. Reviewing options for circumstances when an immediate short term need for cash may arise.
- Worship and Arts – did a great job planning the Lenten services and decorating the sanctuary. It was beautiful on Easter.
- Pine Ridge – truck was filled this evening and will leave on April 25 to travel to Pine Ridge. Easter breakfast was served last Sunday.

Old business

- Adult forum schedule – need to complete the rest of the spring schedule: May 5 – Kris Parson on Pine Ridge and May 19 – possible discussion on property committee regarding short term cash obligations.

- Ministry, Movie, and a meal – discontinue for now, but will reach out to congregation on ways to build community for summer and fall.
- Meetings for May
Planning meeting, Thursday, May 2
Business meeting, Thursday, May 16

New Business: Planning for next fall

Closing Prayer: Pastor Jeff

Meeting adjourned: 7:50 pm

May devotions: Al Jergens