

St Andrew's Lutheran Church Council Meeting Agenda

June 17, 6:00 pm

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

Attendance: David Putz, Laurie Hoifeldt, Al Jergens, Janeen Christy, Randy Sacco, Lori Paulson, Janet Dixon, Pastor Sonja Gerstenberger

Call to order 6:04 pm by Dave P

Approval/Revision of Agenda - motion to approve modified agenda. Seconded and approved.

Council Devotion/Reflection – Laurie H

Consent Agenda

Motion to approval previous minutes. Seconded and approved.

Committee Updates/Reports (*Updates provided as available, important items discussed/acted on*)

- **Personnel** – Dave.
- **Pine Ridge/Tanzania** – Randy/Janet. Went to drop off donations.
- **Property** – Steve. A prototype of a digital sign was discussed. Committee will continued to look at options and costs. They were encouraged to take advantage of Colorado Junction signage. Executive committee will look at property projects for funding.
- **Stewardship & Finance** – Janet. We received a \$500 technology grant and are using matching money from Kaitlyn's time to develop appropriate search engine technology for St Andrews – Front Door improvement.
- **Worship & Arts** –
 - In-person worship update(s) – Laurie. St Andrews is returning to normal except still requiring masks during service because of singing. Fellowship/food can now be provided and groups can meet at St Andrews. Motion to approve task team recommendations. Seconded and approved.
 - Prayer requests will be read at the end of the service. Announcements can also be made.
- **EMF** – David. Awarded \$500 scholarships to 5 graduates.
- **Outreach** – Steve. Still waiting to here about the Open Doors Grant. Also using a call list to contact members who haven't been as involved. Council needs to think about about options for funding if we don't receive the Open Doors grant.
- **Social Concerns** – Al. They team will be getting together the next couple of weeks.
- **Education/Adult Forum** – Pastor Sonja. Report includes updates on receptions/installations - reception for Kaitlyn/Blythe on July, along with installation in their new roles. VBS starts next week. She reviewed her report and high level points of event this fall. Council may dedicate part of council budget line as necessary.
- **Fellowship** – Janeen. With changes in COVID guidance they should become more active
- **Audit** – Janet

Treasurer's Report – Janet. We are still ahead on income and behind on expenses. There is movement in the Facilities budget lines.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Sonja. A Pastoral education plan has been updated for a retreat in Duluth and Anna Mason.

Minister of Service and Learning Report – As provided

Old Business

- Technology Group – update on group, next steps. Kaitlyn will start with 5 hours per week in clean up of the website and then building the SEO (Search Engine Optimization)
- Grants
 - Technology – Janet
 - Open Doors Grant – Steve
- Re-Keying the Church – David
- Asylum Letter Signed – David
- Executive Committee: short-range planning – David
- Council: long-range planning reminders, times - David

New Business

- Finding a member to replace Rollie by end of summer / installation - David
- Giving Garden project – Janeen
- Ames Ecumenical Housing Board Member request – David. Laurie H will join the board.
- Feedback on committee/ministry team update form –
- Bethany Life Annual meeting – need 2 reps to attend on August 19 from 5:30 – 7.

July Council Meeting Devotions: Lori P

Closing Prayer – Pastor Sonja

Meeting adjourned: 7:40 pm by Dave P

Next Meeting: July 15th, 6:00pm

Submitted by Lori Paulson, Secretary
Approved 7/15/2021