

St Andrew's Lutheran Church Council Meeting Agenda
June 23rd, 6:00 pm (via Zoom)

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

Attendance: Randy Sacco, Janet Dixon, Janeen Christy, Lori Paulson, Steve Loucks, Nora Nelson, Laurie Hoifeldt, Pastor Sonja Gerstenberger

Guests – Dave Krumm, Kris Parsons, Almira Uemura, Carol Putz for PRMT discussion

Call to order: 6:03 by Randy S

Approval/Revision of Agenda Motion was made to approve agenda, seconded and approved.

Conversation with PRMT Discussion on solutions for storage for PRMT and other church programs (madrigal, etcetera).

Council Devotion/Reflection – Laurie. "A Riverbed of Mercy" (Fr. Richard Rohr)

Consent Agenda

- Approval of previous minutes
 - May minutes, including remote vote on bathroom remodel
 - Motion was made to approve May Minutes, seconded and approved.

Treasurer's Report – Janet. Offerings are ahead YTD, expenses are behind YTD – net effect is \$25,398 YTD surplus. In the benevolence lines there is approximately \$3,000 remaining to spend on refugee/welcome kit assistance. The Education and Service and Learning teams will be asked to come up with a plan for these funds. Colorado Junction continues to be a challenge. The Colorado Junction cash balance has dropped \$20,000 since the beginning of the year.

President Updates

- United Way of Story County – No names offered
- Growing Young – Council members pick up books, postponing use as devotional till Fall
- Bethany Life annual meeting – Tuesday June 28th, in Chapel, appetizers @ 5:30pm, mtg @ 6pm. Kris Parsons is a delegate. Due to illness, need to substitute delegate for Dave Putz. Contact the church office with substitutions.

New Business

- Request for LSI (through Social Concerns) – Xmas in July/August fund raiser
 - Motion was made, seconded and approved to have Social Concerns coordinate a Christmas in July/August fundraiser for LSI.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Sonja

Pastor Sonja highlighted the substantial amount of work that is happening this summer and expressed particular appreciation for the work of Brittany as office administrator and Emily as church custodian.

The last council visioning session is scheduled for Saturday, August 27, 9-3 PM.

Old Business

- Line of Credit – Update & discussion of process, materials
 - Motion was made, seconded and approved to take the motion to obtain a \$50,000 line of credit with First National Bank (extending total line of credit balance to \$75,000) to the Congregation for approval at Congregational meetings in July.
- Sale of Property – Update & discussion of process, materials

- Discussion of reports and valuations received from two commercial realtors. Motion was made, seconded, and approved to bring a proposal to pursue the sale of Colorado Junction to the Congregation and a special Congregational meeting in July.
- **Setting dates for congregational and informational meetings**
 - The council is asked to consult calendars for all voting members in their households and respond with availability ASAP when information is requested from the Executive Committee. Council members may be asked to use a phone tree to call members to ensure a quorum at the meeting for the Congregational vote.
- **Visioning Work**
 - Distribution of summary to congregation – mailing went out last Tuesday
 - Results of date follow-up – The next visioning session is scheduled for Saturday, August 27, 9-3 PM to complete the visioning process.

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

- **Education** – Mary
 - In Mary's absence, Pastor Sonja reported that a BBQ with lawn games is being planned for July 20 at 6 PM.
 - Sign-up sheets will be sent out for VBS volunteers.
- **EMF** – David
 - No report.
- **Fellowship** – Lori
 - Lori reported that Fellowship isn't meeting over the summer.
- **Mutual Ministry** – Randy
 - Randy reported that the Mutual Ministry Committee has met twice and will be doing some education for the Congregation on the membership and purpose of the committee.
- **Outreach** – Steve
 - New Member Sunday is being planned for June 27. Nametags will be used.
 - Discussing the possibility of doing a blood drive and potential partnership with FCA (Lisa Downs is researching dates).
- **Property** – Nora
 - Restroom renovations are being pursued, per Council approval.
 - Physical access to the columbarium is being improved.
 - Child Serv is here until August.
 - Colorado Junction remains a significant concern and is the focus of much discussion.
- **Social Concerns** – TBD
 - No report.
- **Stewardship & Finance** – Janet
 - Nothing additional to add to financial report.
- **Worship & Arts** – Laurie
 - Still seeking a chairperson for the Worship and Arts Committee. Until one can be appointed, Mary will continue in the role with help from other volunteers.
- **Pine Ridge/Tanzania** – Randy
 - Randy reported that the PRMT has four trips scheduled to the Pine Ridge Reservation this year.
- **Audit** – David
 - No report.
- **Personnel** – David (adjustment to office temp position)
 - The Personnel Committee met and agreed to add to temporarily add 10 hours per week to the office administrator position to assist with communications. Funding for the

additional hours is being re-allocated from salary savings realized from the vacant service and learning coordinator position.

- July Council Meeting Devotions: Janet Dixon
- Closing Prayer
- Meeting adjourned: 7:23 PM
- Next Meeting (meeting currently set for July 28th)
- Minutes Submitted By: Janeen Christy
- Minutes Approved: