

St Andrew's Lutheran Church Council Meeting Agenda

July 15, 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, Randy Sacco, Lori Paulson, Janet Dixon, Pastor Sonja Gerstenberger, Rollie Link

Call to order: Dave 6:03

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

Council Devotion/Reflection – Lori P

Consent Agenda

Approval of previous minute – Motion to approve minutes. Motion was seconded and approved.

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

- **Personnel** – David. No updates.
- **Pine Ridge/Tanzania** – Janet, no update on Tanzania. Randy, Pine Ridge – Could use help loading the truck on Thursday 7/28 with delivery for 7/29. 2-3 more trips are planned for 2021.
- **Property** – Steve. Monthly meeting is on 7/18.
- **Stewardship & Finance** – Janet. St Andrews received a sizeable memorial from George Christensen's estate and it has been deposited in the EMF budget line.
- **Worship & Arts** –
 - In-person worship update(s) – Laurie. Motion to approve the following: Masks are optional for those who are fully vaccinated, masks are required for those who are not vaccinated or for those who have traveled out of state during the last 2 weeks. For those who are ill, they are asked to stay at home until symptom-free for 24 hours. Motion was seconded and approved.
- **EMF** – David. Waiting for information from scholarship recipients to send out checks.
- **Outreach** – Steve. Rally date on 9/12 – Renaissance Faire. Members are signing up to provide meals.
- **Social Concerns** – Al. No update.
- **Education/Adult Forum** – Pastor Sonja. New curriculum will be rolled out after 9/12!
- **Fellowship** – Janeen, David
- **Audit** – Janet. A new member will be needed for the committee.

Treasurer's Report – Janet. We are still ahead of budget – revenue higher than expenses. Service and Learning Ministry budget line will be created, with the goal to eventually replace the Education budget line. Dave, Janet, Linda and Pastor Sonja will meet to determine course of action. Motion to accept financial report as submitted. Motion was seconded and approved.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Sonja.

Minister of Service and Learning Report – As provided in Pastor's Report. Kaitlyn will start her work in August. Several people have volunteered for the Tech meeting. Confirmation will be adapted to be part of Service and Learning. VBS was successful – 36 plus kids on any given day. More than half were not from Bethesda.

Old Business

- Re-Keying the Church – David. The exterior doors will be rekeyed with the capability of creating masters with 10 new keys. Estimate is \$350.
- Finding Council member replacement – collective sharing of possibilities.
- Executive Committee: short-range planning update – David. Started process of identifying current and future work/accomplishments for outreach, mission/vision, local service, communication. Funds necessary for new work are being considered.
- Fall Outreach Event: Ren Faire – Laurie & David. Funds will come from Council support, Outreach and Youth. Outreach portion will be a targeted outreach mailer. Motion was made to designate \$2000 from the Youth line and \$500 from Outreach line, with additional funds to come from the Council budget line to support the Ren Faire event/rally. Motion was seconded and approved.
- Bethany Life Annual meeting – Aug 19 from 5:30pm – 7pm, need 2 reps. Conflicts with Council meeting and will ask for volunteer from the congregation.

New Business

- Council: Scheduling of Meetings/Work - David
 - Last 3 chapters (part 1) of Autopsy of a Deceased Church - Week of August 9th
 - Last portion (part 2) of Autopsy of a Deceased Church - Week of August 23rd
 - Visioning work with congregation - Week of August 29th (Sunday meal?)
- Council Liaison Confirmation – David
 - EMF – Dave P
 - Stewardship & Finance – Janeen C
 - Personnel – Dave P
 - Property – Steve L
 - Social Concerns – Al J
 - Education/Adult Forum – Rollie L (COMMITTEE NOT PRESENTLY IN EXISTENCE)
 - Outreach – Steve L
 - Worship and Arts – Laurie H
 - Mission – Randy A
 - Fellowship – Janeen C
 - Audit – Janet D
- Fall Stewardship Campaign Idea – Janeen, Pastor Sonja met on 7/6. Possible theme may be ‘Baptize and Set Free’. The campaign may include a Sunday sermon series and Wednesday video messages, possibly from members may be developed.
- Scheduling of Committee / Ministry Team meetings – David. Committees have traditionally been meeting after service, with multiple committees meeting at the same time, and conflicts with Fellowship. Committees will be asked to consider alternative times.

August Council Meeting Devotions: Dave P

Closing Prayer: Dave P

Meeting adjourned: 7:35 pm

Next Meeting: August 19th, 6:00 pm

7/29/2021 – Email motion to require wearing masks during service and fellowship, when not eating/drinking, and to maintain social distance. Seconded and approved.

8/3/2021 – Email motion to be a sponsor for Ames 2021 PrideFest on 9/11/2021 for a cost of \$100.
Seconded and approved.

Submitted by Lori Paulson, Secretary
Approved 8/19/2021