

St Andrew's Lutheran Church Council Meeting Agenda
July 21st, 6:30 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: Dave Putz, Randy Sacco, Janeen Christy, Nora Nelson, Janet Dixon, Mary Johnson, Laurie Paulson, Steve Loucks, Lori Hoifeldt, Pastor Sonja Gerstenberger

Call to order The meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM.

Approval/Revision of Agenda The Stewardship Committee would like to request (under new business) that the Congregational Annual Meeting be deferred to the last Sunday in January. Motion made, seconded, and approved to approve agenda as amended.

Council Devotion/Reflection – Janeen Devotion on Mark 10:21-22.

Consent Agenda

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

Treasurer's Report – Janet YTD income is ahead and expenses are behind budget, resulting in a \$22,000 surplus. Q2 benevolences are up-to-date. \$3000 in Lenten offerings are still available to spend on refugee resettlement. The rentals bank account cash balance remains low (\$1600 balance as of July 19) and financial concerns related to Colorado Junction remain.

President Updates

- Growing Young – Council members pick up books, postponing use as devotional till Fall
- Bethany Life annual meeting – notes from Kris Parsons – It was a generally positive report. Bethany Life weathered COVID very well, while maintaining staff and continuing to deliver services.
- Request for LSI (through Social Concerns) – Xmas in July/August fund raiser

New Business

- Stewardship and Finance Committee – Requesting that Congregational Annual Meeting be moved to the last Sunday in January (January 29, 2023). Motion made, seconded and approved.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Sonja Outside normal duties, personnel duties have consumed a great deal of time the last two months. Service and Learning in the fall will use the Story Bible curriculum, which involves Bibles and curriculum for all ages. There will still be a service component, which may happen outside the normal SnL time. A survey on SnL will be in the Friday Flash, which everyone is asked to complete. VBS is upcoming, August 8-12. Ewalu camp counselors as well as volunteers will be leading VBS. Please encourage kids to register, and host families will be needed for 3-4 camp counselors. We are preparing for the final council visioning session on August 27 and RenFaire on Sunday, October 2.

Old Business

- PRMT Conversation – Detailed notes from last month's conversation are in the Council folder.
- Community BBQ – Post Event discussion The BBQ was really well-attended. It was mostly attended by SALC members and not community members. The suggestion was made to offer an indoor games or trivia night in cooler weather.
- Congregation Meeting
 - Line of Credit – Update & discussion of process, materials
 - Sale of Property – Update & discussion of process, materials
 - Sales Oversight Group – Update & discussion of process, materials

- Meeting Logistics (tech) Meeting will be held in person and online. Need a person to monitor online group to determine membership and votes (Lori Paulson volunteered). Plan is to call for an audible vote, unless a paper ballot is called. Council members should encourage all to attend.
- Visioning Work –
 - The next visioning session is scheduled for Saturday, August 27, 9-3 PM to complete the visioning process. Dave will provide a boxed lunch.

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

- **Education** - Mary
- **EMF** – David Scholarship deadline is Tuesday, July 26. Exploring efforts to make columbarium more accessible.
- **Fellowship** – No Report
- **Outreach** – Steve (Ren Faire) September 11, “God’s Work Our Hands” kick-off planned. Planning for October 2 RenFaire.
- **Property** – Nora Carpet cleaning is scheduled for August 19. Please do not plan to be in the building that day.
- **Social Concerns** – TBD Laurie attended the meeting of Ames Ecumenical Housing.
- **Stewardship & Finance** – Janet Linda Seaverson has sent out Stewardship notes.
- **Worship & Arts** – Laurie Worship in the park at Daly Park, catered by HyVee, Sunday, August 28.
- **Pine Ridge/Tanzania** – Randy Truck just returned from Pine Ridge. The trip went well and everything was delivered. Trips are planned again in August, September and October. Collections will resume again next week.
- **Audit** – David, no update
- **Personnel** – David (office admin and custodian updates)
 - **Office Admin Search** –The person who was offered the communications assistant position will be working up to 40 hours per week, but covering all office duties. She has already started. Thanks to Laurie Hoifeldt for covering office in the short term.
 - **Custodial Search** – Two candidates are being interviewed next week. A congregant has been asked to fill in during the short term.

August Council Meeting Devotions: August devotions – Nora “Growing Young” will be September devotion.

Closing Prayer Led by Pastor Sonja

Meeting adjourned: 7:57 PM

Next Meeting (meeting currently set for August 25th)

Minutes Submitted By: Janeen Christy, Secretary

Minutes Approved: