

St Andrew's Lutheran Church Council Meeting Agenda
August 19, 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: David Putz, Laurie Hoifeldt, Randy Sacco, Lori Paulson, Janet Dixon, Pastor Sonja Gerstenberger, Rollie Link, Al Jergens, Janeen Christy, Steve Louks

Call to order: 6:01 pm by Dave P

Approval/Revision of Agenda - Motion made to approve agenda. Seconded and approved.

Council Devotion/Reflection – Dave

Consent Agenda

Approval of previous minutes - Motion made to approve minutes. Seconded and approved.

New Business

- Budget Work – Dave P discussed that Janet will work with Stewardship and Finance committee to review how to re-organize budget for ease and flexibility
- Committee Membership & Fellowship focus – Fellowship does not have the required number of members. It may be necessary to put out a call for more members and review how to simplify committee work.
- Executive Committee Planning Work – Dave reviewed the document that Pastor Sonja developed with the Exec Council. Council decided to review and discuss at the September Council meeting. The expectation is that Council members will fully review prior to the September council meeting.
- Audit Committee Member – Motion made to appoint Don Behning as member of the Audit committee for 2021. Seconded and approved.

Treasurer's Report – Janet. St Andrews has a surplus budget – Revenue is above expenses. Members are giving generously to our missions.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Sonja

- Ministry of Service and Learning - when we grow in relationships with each other, we grow with God, meals will be provided. Topics have been identified for the first 4 weeks. All are asked to Please spread the word about this new education opportunity. Tech Team – Kaitlyn is creating proof of concept on Website design. Tech Team will provide initial feedback. They are also identifying areas that will need tech review and feedback.

Old Business

- Bethany Life Annual meeting – Dave. St Andrews did not have any representatives attend.
- Re-Keying the Church – Dave. We are waiting for additional estimates from vendor.
- Ames PrideFest – Dave. St Andrews is a sponsor.
- Council Liaison Confirmation – Dave is filling in for Janeen as Fellowship liaison, Randy is replacing Janet for Mission liaison.
- Church signage – Dave. Quick fix is to update the current sign, replacing from parts that had broken.

- Ames Ecumenical Housing – Laurie attended the first meeting. 2 lower income housing buildings that the group manages. Member churches have traditionally donations each year. This may be an opportunity for volunteering.
- Fall Outreach Event: Ren Faire – Laurie. Scheduled for Sep 12 from 3-6 afternoon. Food, costumes, games, music/singers and tent sites and booths are being planned. For ideas on promoting, send ideas to Laurie H and Pastor Sonja.
- Finding Council member replacement – Dave. Several names have been mentioned and are being asked.
- Fall Stewardship Campaign Idea – Janeen, Pastor Sonja. Work is underway to review Time and Talent sheet. Campaign will be October 1 - 24.
- Council: Scheduling of Meetings/Work - Dave
 - Last portion (part 2) of Autopsy of a Deceased Church – Tuesday, August 24.
 - Visioning work with congregation - TBD

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

- **EMF** – No Update, Dave
- **Fellowship** – Dave (interim). No additional update.
- **Outreach** – Steve. Moving forward for campaign for St Andrews.
- **Property** – Steve. No update.
- **Social Concerns** – Al
- **Stewardship & Finance** – Janeen. No update.
- **Worship & Arts** –
 - In-person worship update(s) – Pastor
- **Pine Ridge/Tanzania** – Randy. 2-3 trips to Pine Ridge still this Fall.
- **Audit** – Janet. No additional update.
- **Personnel** – No Update, Dave

September Council Meeting Devotions: Randy

Closing Prayer: Pastor Sonja

Meeting adjourned: 7:32pm

Next Meeting: September 17th, 6:00pm

Submitted by Lori Paulson, Secretary

Approved 9/17/2021

7/29/2021 – Email motion to approve Hope Lutheran Church’s request to use the gravel lot across the street, east of the church, for dates specified (approximately 9/2-9/10) pending receipt of the insurance certificate. Seconded and approved.