

St Andrew's Lutheran Church Council Meeting Agenda
August 25th, 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: Pastor Sonja, David Putz, Randy Sacco, Janet Dixon, Nora Nelson, Mary Johnson, Laurie Hoifeldt, Lori Paulson, Steve Loucks. Absent: Janeen Christy

Call to order Meeting called to order at approximately 6:34pm

2 Word Check-In – How are you doing? How do you feel?

Approval/Revision of Agenda – Agenda was amended and approved

Council Devotion/Reflection – Nora (Psalm 33, v 22)

Consent Agenda

- Approval of previous minutes
 - July minutes – Motion to accept July minutes was approved.

Treasurer's Report – Janet

- The trend of higher income and lower expenses as budgeted continues, checking account balance is good. An online form for vouchers was presented and demonstrated – training is next logical step.

President Updates

- Growing Young – devotional starting for September Council Meeting (Chapter 1)
- Meeting of Council Presidents – Zoom meeting with Bishop Current Aug 22
- Constitution and By-Law review (addition to agenda)
 - Shared a member of the congregation had volunteered to help with a review of SALC's current constitution and by-laws against the Synod's most recent model constitution. Council may begin seeing materials in the next month or so. Hope to be ready for vote at congregation meeting in January 2023.

New Business

- Space Usage
 - Art Group Use of Fellowship Hall – Mondays from 9am to 11am, beginning Labor Day
 - Council approved the art group's use of the Fellowship Hall
 - PRMT using Room 2 to process and store ministry materials
 - Council approved PRMT's use of Room 2 for storage and ministry work
 - Madrigal use of Room 3 – Council approved the use of Room 3 for Madrigal storage
- SALC Support for Ames Area Religious Leaders sponsored Pride Worship
 - Motion was made to support the Pride Worship through a contribution of \$250. Motion was approved.
- SALC Sponsorship for Ames PrideFest (Ruby Level)
 - Motion was made to Support PrideFest at the Ruby level for \$150. Motion was approved.
- SALC Pictorial Directory – Pastor relayed message from Sarah Buck regarding the use of Picabooyearbooks.com in 2017 for the last photo directory and the info and photos should still be available. Pastor will work with Miriam to confirm access and contents.
- EMF – Lynn Miller member, transition to leadership (Chair) (addition to agenda)
 - Motion was made to approve adding Lynn Miller to EMF, and that he would transition into leadership (chair). Motion was approved.
- Grant Opportunities

- Immanuel Vision Foundation – Up to \$10,000 for external project/programs (local community) *Due date is only a month away. David will send out email to individuals asking about their willingness to develop a project and application*
- Theisen Grant – Up to \$5,000 to jumpstart and/or sustain projects that serve the basic needs of families and children: food, shelter, education, safety, and health. *Due date was only days away, decision was made not to pursue.*

Pastor's Report – Pastor Sonja

Old Business

- CJ Sales Group Update – Commercial Agent on Board, Agreement in place
 - *A brief update was provided. Questions about ownership of the alley and ministry use till final disposition of property were passed on to agent. Question of opening agreement up for review by those outside the sales group was, not to do so.*
- Visioning Work – THIS SATURDAY!
 - The next visioning session is scheduled for Saturday, August 27, 9-3 PM
 - *Council members were reminded to review materials (previous and sent)*
 - Lunch discussion – *Janeen. Taco bar for lunch adopted, food assignments delegated.*
- Ren Faire – Progress update
 - *A list of potential costs was presented along with area balances for consideration. Motion was made to use \$1,500 from Worship & Arts line, with the remaining to come from the Madrigal and Pies line (under designated youth). Motion was approved.*

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

- **Education** - Mary
- **EMF** – David
- **Fellowship** – Lori
- **Mutual Ministry** - Randy
- **Outreach** – Steve (Ren Faire)
- **Property** – Nora
- **Social Concerns** – Janeen / Janet
- **Stewardship & Finance** – Janet
- **Worship & Arts** – Laurie *Reminder about park picnic service*
- **Pine Ridge/Tanzania** – Randy
- **Audit** – David, no update
- **Personnel** – David (office admin, custodian, business manager)
 - *Motion was made to pay Office Admin (Miriam Moreno) for any overtime worked in August if she hadn't already received it. Motion was approved.*
 - *After discussion of the need for a Business Manager position, Council President asked for, and received, Council approval to come back with the proper procedure for bringing on a staff member mid-budget year.*

September Council Meeting Devotions: Growing Young, Chapter 1

Closing Prayer

Meeting adjourned: *Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:55pm*

Next Meeting (meeting currently set for Sept 22nd)

Minutes Submitted By: *David J. Putz, Council President (reviewed by Council members)*

Minutes Approved: September 22, 2022

