

St Andrew's Lutheran Church Council Meeting Agenda
September 16, 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, Janeen Christy, Nora Nelson

Call to order: Dave P 6:02 pm

Approval/Revision of Agenda - Motion was made to add discussion of the Chinese Christian church request to meet at St Andrew's to new business. Seconded and approved. Motion to approve agenda as modified was made. Seconded and approved.

Council Devotion/Reflection – Randy

Consent Agenda

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

New Business

- Council Membership Vote – Nora Nelson as new Council member. Motion to approve Nora Nelson as a new council member to serve out Rollie Link's term was made. Seconded and approved.
- Council Member Tenure – Discussion and Confirmation
 - 2022 – Al?, Dave would like to stay, Steve?
 - 2021 – Laurie, Randy, Janet
 - 2020 – Lori, Janeen, Nora (serving out Rollie Link's term)
 - 2019 – Al, Dave, Steve
- Discussion/Date Setting – Visioning Work,
 - Sunday, September 26 at 1:00 pm
 - We will be using guided questions to talk with congregants
 - Using a structured process will lead to a positive outcome
- Ren Faire Post Mortem – big thank you to everyone involved. It went very well. Laurie H will follow-up with committees and others to review what went well and what didn't.
- Procedures for Requests – Exec council will work on developing standard processes/procedures for various requests from both internal/external parties.
- Future Council Meetings – Format. Eventually we will have in-person council meetings and will continue to offer on-line meeting options. Dave raised the question of moving the Council meeting to the 4th Thursday to better line up with receiving reports from our accountants. More to come on this.
- Chinese Christian church – A group of families have requested meeting space with the intent to expand to Sunday mornings. After discussion, Council decided not to approve the request. Dave and Pastor Sonja will follow-up with the group.
- Use of Lawn – Hope Church of Ames has requested to use our lawn for youth activities while their parking lot is being surfaced. This request was approved for outdoor use only.

Treasurer's Report – Janet. Gaps are narrowing between revenue and expenses. PRMT has used their budget and is using the Mission line.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Sonja

- Ministry of Service and Learning, Tech Team updates (if any) – Heather will be out the last week of September, and we will need help in the office to prepare for Sunday services. Confirmation

will participate in the Service and Learning Ministry and will also meet with Pastor Sonja and Blythe monthly. Tech Team updates – website development continues.

Old Business

- Re-Keying the Church – Dave is working with Ames Lock and Security to review options for the possible locks.
- Church Signage – Dave. New images have been sent to the group reviewing this.
- Short-Term Planning Document – Discussion & Updating
 - Executive Committee to develop communication options
 - After discussion, there weren't any new items added and Council reviewed items that remained and the feasibility of completing them by the end of year.
- Fall Stewardship Campaign – Janeen, Pastor Sonja. Work continues and it will roll out early October.

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

- **EMF** – No Update, David
- **Fellowship** – David (interim)
- **Outreach** – Steve
- **Property** – Steve
- **Social Concerns** – Al
- **Stewardship & Finance** – Janeen
- **Worship & Arts** – Pastor
- **Pine Ridge/Tanzania** – Randy
- **Audit** – Janet
- **Personnel** – No Update, David

October Council Meeting Devotions: Nora

Closing Prayer

Meeting adjourned: Dave P 7:41 pm

Next Meeting – October 28, 6:00pm

Submitted by Lori Paulson, Secretary
Approved 10/28/2021