

Ascension Lutheran Church – Council Meeting Minutes

Littleton, Colorado

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

In attendance:

Council Members: Linda Achziger, Norm Fringer, *Pastor John Larson*, Tim McClaren, Tom Munson, *Barbara Rutter*, Scott Luethy, *Mike Zehnder*, Connie Fringer, Anita Baresel, *Roger Koester*, Carol Stamp, Margo Pasha, Ian Kirschner

Excused: Sherry Hitztaler,

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 6:31 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Ascension Lutheran Church (ALC) by the President.

Opening Prayer:

Pastor John Larson offered an opening prayer.

Opening Devotion

Review of Matthew by Carol Stamp

Approval of Previous Minutes

The Council meeting minutes of February 2021 will be approved next meeting.

VP

- Loan with LCEF, Tim to be added to sign checks and access to online account.

Staff Reports

- Pastor John Larson
 - Report is attached
- **Director of Music Ministry – Michael Zehnder**
 - SOLO/ENSEMBLE MUSIC
 - Since the choir and bells are not meeting during the pandemic, a number of soloists, duets, trios have been recruited to bless our service music. The next offerings take place during Lent and Holy Week.
 - AGAPE AND YOUTH PRAISE TEAMS
 - Our two praise teams continue to meet weekly on Wednesdays for rehearsal and leading worship on Sunday morning at the 10:30 service.
 - WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE
 - Currently in WNL we are working on an Easter drama. Depending on final participation, we may be able to have the students perform this at two of our Easter services.
 - AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS
 - Morel and Associates is closing down their business after many years. Taking over is Dwayne Short of Rocky Mountain Fine Tuning.
- **Columbarium Memorial Garden**
 - Dave Hitztaler passed and beginning the process

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- **Board of Elders**
 - All Services and Prayer Vigil are listed in the Happenings.
 - Rework of the job description for Administration Secretary is in process.
 - Next Meeting 03/23/21
- **Ladies Guild**
 - From the Altar Circle: They are researching the purchase of new altar linens, using available Memorial funds. They would prefer those items be made from a blend of fibers (not pure linen). This would make care and maintenance easier.
 - They are also considering new glass communion cups. They need to be a certain height for the communion trays to stack well.
 - The March General meeting will be held March 18, at 10:00 am. A special Ascension member, Erika Dubeau, will be our speaker. Erika lived in Germany as a young girl, under the Nazi regime. She immigrated to Canada, and from there to America, where she became a citizen. We appreciate her willingness to share her story with us.
 - Circle 5 will serve lunch for the Voters' meeting, April 25.
- **Life Enrichment** – vacant
- **Social ministry**
 - All reports on Happenings
- **Stewardship**
 - Nothing to Report
- **Trustees**
 - West Wing:
 - Inspections
 - Underground Plumbing – Passed last week
 - Above Ground Plumbing – Passed rough inspection last week
 - Electric Inspection – Rough passed two weeks ago
 - Electric Inspection – Rough inspection of new adds is tomorrow (Tuesday)
 - Framing Inspection – Rough inspection of new adds is Wednesday
 - Window/Asbestos Caulk/Lead-Based Paint Removal
 - Awarded job to Meridian Pros 247 today
 - \$32,000 Lump Sum Bid
 - Start Monday 3/22/21 (file permit today, then wait 10 business days)
 - New wall for weather protection/security during window removal
 - Materials arriving onsite
 - Build this week
 - Fire alarm and security system
 - Plans have been submitted to South Metro Fire and Rescue
 - SMFR seems to believe the ALC has a much greater occupancy level than realistic
 - New wiring has been installed.

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- Sanctuary Roof: An inspection by a roofing contractor indicated there was wind and hail damage to the roof. We have filed a claim with Church Mutual. They will be sending out their claims adjuster.
- **Youth**
 - Since last meeting, we had our murder mystery party with 13 youth and 4 adults. Also had the senior high retreat day with 7 kids and two adults. We took the kids to early morning Top Golf and lunch followed by game playing and bible study. Currently we have a regular crowd of six kids coming every Wednesday. This Friday is going to be a mini-lockin at the church, weather permitting. Talks are in the works about summer mission trip. Options to do a close trip by ourselves or pair up with some local church for longer distance trips. Limiting factors are still in parent/adult volunteers. Action items for ministry is to find more adult volunteers and come up with and order Ascension Lutheran specific Tshirts. Looking to come up with simple branding for kids to sport at ideally service events to give them a sense of pride in their church and advertisement to the community. Along with this, we intend to come with a mission statement of the youth group. Ideally 3 or so categories that can help define events and how they will help develop the faith of the youth.

Instagram

- Possibly open an Instagram account

Announcements

- Next Special Voter's Meeting – April 13, 2021
- Next Council Meeting – April 25, 2021
- Board of the Month (April 2021) – Parish education

Board of the Month duties includes:

Devotions for Council Meeting, "Happenings" newsletter article each week.

Adjournment

- At 7:22 p.m. the meeting was adjourned.
- Pastor led the prayer.

————— Respectfully Submitted by Barbara Rutter, Secretary