

Ascension Lutheran Church – Council Meeting Minutes

Littleton, Colorado

Tuesday, July 12, 2022

In attendance:

Council Members: Tom Munson, *Barbara Rutter*, Margo Pasha, Tim McClaren, Linda Achziger, *Mike Zehnder*, Norm Fringer, Connie Fringer, *Pastor John Larson*, Scott Luethy, Terry Utecht

Excused: Ian Kirschner, Joyce Lord, Anita Baresel, Stephanie Roettjer, Christa Kirschner,

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Council of Ascension Lutheran Church (ALC) by the President.

Opening Prayer:

The *Pastor John Larson* offered an opening prayer.

Opening Devotion

Scott Luethy read the devotion the gospel according to Winnie the Pooh.

Approval of Previous Minutes

June regular meeting minutes were approved.

President

- Asked for nominations for upcoming elections or who does not want to continue in their position.

VP

- Would like to review the debit card policy.

Treasurers Report

- Attached
- June treasurers report passed unanimously.

Staff Reports

- **Pastor John Larson**
 - Do we need to revisit how much Kelly makes? Krista and Stephanie will address this. Preschool starts August 22nd. Pastor will send out an email to address this with a proposal and updated budget.
 - Attached
 - Meeting has been decided to be held on August 6th.
 - Decided on providing chicken.
- **Director of Music Ministry – Michael Zehnder**
 - Attached
- **Director of Education and Youth**
 - Attached

Board Report

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- **Columbarium Memorial Garden**
 - No inquires or services
 - Columbarium will undergo maintenance
- **Community Outreach and Communication**
 - None
- **Board of Elders**
 - None
- **Ladies Guild**
 - Attached
- **Parish Education**
 - None
- **Social ministry**
 - Meeting on August 13th at 9 am.
- **Stewardship**
 - None
- **Trustees**
 - Attached
 - Motion: Approve bid from AA Quality Painting and Remodeling Inc. for \$2500.
 - Passed unanimously

New Business

- None

Announcements

- Next Voter's Meeting – September 25, 2022
- Next Council Meeting – August 9, 2022
- Board of the Month (August 2022) – Ladies Guild

Board of the Month duties includes:

Devotions for Council Meeting, "Happenings" newsletter article each week, coffee cleanup

Adjournment

- At 7:38 p.m. the meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer

———— Respectfully Submitted by Barbara Rutter, Secretary

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HANDOUTS

Pastoral Report to Council for July 12, 2022

I'd like to have a planning meeting on either August 6 or 20. 9:00 till 11:00. I'd especially like the Council and Board of Elders to be in attendance, if possible. It will be open to anyone who would like to come. Thoughts?

Wednesday, September 7 will be the first evening back for 7-8 grade confirmation. Ascension Chorale and Gloria Dei Ringers will also be beginning. But the evening will look different. There are no Pre-Confirmation classes. Youth activities/study have moved from Wednesday to Sunday. Stephanie can speak more of this.

Sunday, September 11, the return of two services on Sunday, 8:00 and 10:30 – with Sunday School and Bible Classes at 9:15. A pot-luck will be following the late service. Should we serve chicken for the meal?

Questions?

Director of Music Ministries
Report – June 2022, Michael J Zehnder

SUMMER PLANNING

Summer is a time for schedule planning for the Fall and first half of the year.

CARPENTER NEEDED

We have a gift in honor of someone's 90th birthday. Looking for a carpenter who can build the choir music cubbies on behalf of the donors.

SUMMER MUSIC SCHEDULE

During the summer, with choir, bells and children's groups not meeting we use solos/duets etc., for vocal or instrumental music specials. So far we have people signed up for 11 of the 12 summer Sundays.

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CALENDAR REMINDERS - MICHAEL BURKHARDT HYMN FESTIVAL – LIFE ENRICHMENT AGREEMENT

Thursday, September 29 @ 7:00 - 8:30 pm - FINAL REHEARSAL FOR CONCERT WITH PROF. BURKHARDT.
Child Care Included

Friday, September 30 7 or 7:30 p.m. HYMN FESTIVAL WITH MICHAEL BURKHARDT (With Bells and Choir); Sponsored by the American Guild of Organists and Ascension

Saturday, November 1 9:00 am to 11:30 am - Hymn Playing workshop (for interested organists only)

The Brian and Marion Wilson HAVE agreed to be the Life Enrichment hosts for this festival.

Director of Christian Education's Council Report

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1) Sunday School

- In the process of recruiting a 1st-2nd grade teacher
- Starting to plan Rally Day and picnic on September 11th

2) VBS

- Great weekend with 36 kids
- Sunday pancake breakfast and carnival (dunk tank, inflatable obstacle course, games)

3) LVR Youth Mission Trip (July 31st-August 5th)

- 15 youth attending, 4 adults
- Working on paperwork and registration

4) Family Movie Night

- July 29th at 6:30pm
- Specific invites to VBS families and preschool families
- "Sing 2" with popcorn, treats

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Roettjer

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Ascension Lutheran Ladies Guild

Report to Council – July 12, 2022

Ladies met for our yearly Planning Day on Saturday June 25th at 9:00 am – we planned all our dates for July 2022 thru June 2023. We provided all dates to Dawn to put on the Church Calendar and Pastor for reference.

We are still looking for a Vice President

Our first General Meeting will be on Thursday September 22, 2022, at 6:00 pm – Shelly Stewart our new District President will be our Guest Speaker.

Board of Trustees

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- 1.0 Kids Playground: 1. Concerning the fence bolts that were too long: Jim Mullane was able to grind down the bolts. 2. Kelly Lafferty, our Preschool Director, was able to purchase some new playground items with a grant. The Boy Scout Troop 361 that meets at Ascension has agreed to help her assemble the equipment.
- 2.0 Trees in our front yard along Caley Avenue: The limbs from the spring storm that fell to the ground have been removed but we still have some highhanging branches that appear not to be short term a hazard, so we plan to remove them in a timely manner. We currently have one bid with the cost between \$400 and \$800 per tree. There are five trees. We will pursue other bids.
- 3.0 Painting: 1. The Narthex entrance overhang and northeast soffit areas: These have been painted. 2. The ceiling of the Nursery: We have a bid from Bill Rolling to paint the Nursery ceiling for \$450. 3. The Memorial Garden gate: we have a bid to sand and paint the gate for \$250. 4. Columbarium seal: Bill Rolling will look at the seal and repair it at no cost.
- 4.0 East Parking Lot Entry door: The panic bar on the one of the doors need repair and was replaced with new hardware for under \$700.00 by KenCaryl Glass.
- 5.0 Brown Spots in the grass: When we had a full-time custodian these spots would be hand/sprinkler watered from time-to-time. The issue is usually not the sprinkler heads but the system itself. The system was “volunteer” built and lacks the precision of a true

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commercial system. The Trustees have discussed this issue and are discussing the wisdom of removing some of the sprinklers and xeriscaping the “problem” areas. This will reduce our watering costs that grow each year and eliminate the “brown” areas.

- 6.0** Wall Heaters: Two wall heaters, one in the upper West Wing hall and another in the lower hall are having control valve issues. They do not shut off when the thermostat sends them the signal. **These parts were not replaced in the remodel.** Our heating consultants, Pasterkamp Heating and AC, is working on the problem and has a plan to replace these valves before heating season. **We do not know what the cost will be.**

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