

# **Ascension Lutheran Church – Council Meeting Minutes**

Littleton, Colorado

*Tuesday, August 9, 2022*

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## **In attendance:**

**Council Members:** Tom Munson, *Barbara Rutter*, Margo Pasha, Tim McClaren, Linda Achziger, *Mike Zehnder*, Norm Fringer, Connie Fringer, *Pastor John Larson*, Roger Koester, Joyce Lord, Anita Baresel, Stephanie Roettjer

**Excused:** Ian Kirschner, Terry Utecht, Christa Kirschner, Scott Luethy

**Guest:** Kelly Lafferty

## **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**

Linda Achziger read the devotion.

## **Approval of Previous Minutes**

July regular meeting minutes were approved as corrected.

## **Preschool update**

Starting school year with 26 families (kids) and finances should be in the black. Should have four teachers. Orientation will be next Friday and will start on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## **President**

- We had a planning meeting last Saturday and presented a review of the meeting.
  - How might we be the church in this community?
  - How might we attract younger members and involve the youth?
  - Next meeting is on August 27 9-11 a.m.

## **VP**

- It appears that the debit card policy is working. We will continue this policy.

## **Treasurers Report**

- Attached
- July treasurers report passed unanimously.

## **Staff Reports**

- **Pastor John Larson**
  - Discussed with Stephanie the planning the church picnic.
  - Not planning on having dinner on Wednesday.
  - Nursery for Wednesday.
- **Director of Music Ministry – Michael Zehnder**
  - Time of year for planning and programming
  - Michael Burkhart has sent the program.

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- Hymn festival on September 30 at 7:30 p.m.
- Next blended worship on August 28<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m.
- **Director of Education and Youth**
  - Attached

## **Board Report**

- **Columbarium Memorial Garden**
  - None
- **Community Outreach and Communication**
  - Great brainstorming meeting.
- **Board of Elders**
  - Attached
- **Ladies Guild**
  - Motion: Grant request for matching funds of \$1000 from Thrivent dollars for Craft and bake sale.
    1. Passed unanimously
- **Parish Education**
  - None
- **Social ministry**
  - Meeting on August 13<sup>th</sup> at 9 am.
- **Stewardship**
  - Passed around time and talent sheet looking for edits. Asked for verification on council boards up for election.
- **Trustees**
  - Attached
  - Fire inspection on Friday

## **New Business**

- None

## **Announcements**

- Next Voter's Meeting – September 25, 2022
- Next Council Meeting – September 13, 2022
- Next Planning Meeting – August 27, 2022
- Board of the Month (September 2022) – Parish Education

Board of the Month duties includes:

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

## **Adjournment**

- At 7:26 p.m. the meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer

———— Respectfully Submitted by Barbara Rutter, Secretary

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## HANDOUTS

Elders report 08/08/2022

- 1: Starting Sunday September 11<sup>th</sup> , 8:00 and 10:30 worship, Sunday school and Bible Studies at 9:15
- 2: Saturday Worship remains the same 4:00
- 3: Communion will be at the Rail for the 8:00 Worship, and up the aisle for the other two.
- 4: The Worship on Christmas Day, and New years Day is presently set for 10:00 am.

Scott Luethy

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Ascension Lutheran Ladies Guild  
Report to Council – August 9, 2022

Re: Grant request for Matching funds of \$1000 from Thrivent dollars  
for Craft & Bake Sale

Ascension Ladies Guild will be holding their annual Craft and Bake Sale on November 20, 2022 to raise funds for Mission Outreach Projects.

Monies raised by this event are then sent to various mission projects selected by the Guild members. These missions are on local, national, and international levels. Last year, with your support we were able to distribute funds to the following:

Lutheran High School	\$ 500
Lutheran Braille workers	\$ 500
LCMS Chaplains	\$ 300
University Chapel, Boulder, CO	\$ 500
Orphan Grain Train	\$ 500
Ysleta Lutheran Mission, El Paso	\$ 300
Messiah Lutheran Campus Ministry, Grand Junction	\$ 500
Denver Society of Creation	\$ 300
Unity Lutheran School, East St. Louis	\$ 400
Lutheran Valley Retreat	\$ 400

**Total** **\$4,200**

In addition to this distribution, 10% is first taken off the top of the proceeds to be donated to Mites for Missions.

Thank you for considering this Grant Request for 2022.

In His Service,

Carol Stamp, Chair of Craft and Bake Sale

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## *Stewardship Weekend* *October 15 & 16, 2022*



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### Board of Trustees Report to Council August 9, 2022

- 1.0 Painting: The ceiling of the Nursery has been painted. The Memorial Garden gate and repairing the seal in the Columbarium are pending.
- 2.0 Northeast Fellowship Entry door: The lock in this door was broken and has been repaired. We have no idea how the lock was broken. There was no other damage to the door.
- 3.0 Toilet in Boys Restroom: The standard toilet had a very small leak. We notified Himmelman Construction and they repaired the leak as part of the warranty on the West Wing.
- 4.0 Lawn Maintenance: Larlees Lawn Service is cutting all the grass. Jim Mullane has agreed to cut the Swale and the field on the west end on an “as needed” bases.

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- 5.0      Cleaning: Accurate Janitorial Service has been cleaning the Church twice a week since late June. When the Preschool starts on August 22 they will begin to clean three times per week on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday – late at night.
  - 6.0      AC Sanctuary: The AC is now working properly in the Sanctuary. The problem was a faulty reset button in on one of the relay units.
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