

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

Littleton, Colorado

*Tuesday, October 11, 2022*

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## **In attendance:**

**Council Members:** Tom Munson, *Barbara Rutter*, Linda Achziger, *Pastor John Larson*, Margo Pasha, Tim McClaren, Stephanie Roettjer, Scott Luethy, Anita Baresel, Terry Utecht, Ian Kirschner,

**Excused:** Norm Fringer, Connie Fringer, Joyce Lord, *Mike Zehnder*, Christa Kirschner

## **Call to Order:**

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. in the choir room at 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**

September regular meeting minutes were approved.

## **President**

- Received website survey responses and will put in the Happenings.

## **VP**

- The constitution committee is moving forward. Hoping to have something in November or December.

## **Treasurers Report**

- Attached
- September treasurers report passed unanimously with correction to the spelling of Evangelism.

## **Staff Reports**

- **Pastor John Larson**
  - Passed around the November events calendar
  - Norm and Connie served for two committal services
- **Director of Music Ministry – Michael Zehnder**
  - Attached
- **Director of Education and Youth**
  - Sunday School meeting after Sunday services
  - Asking for more vehicles for Trunk or Treat
  - November 12 parents' morning out and will be Youth fundraiser

## **Board Report**

- **Columbarium Memorial Garden**
  - None

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- **Community Outreach and Communication**
  - None
- **Board of Elders**
  - Attached
  - Question about where the offering plate should be located in the choir loft was asked.
- **Ladies Guild**
  - Attached
- **Parish Education**
  - Attached
- **Social ministry**
  - No report
- **Stewardship**
  - Pledge cards and Pastor's letter went and put in member's boxes
- **Trustees**
  - Attached
- **Youth**
  - Attached

## **New Business**

- Mike is going to retire at the end of the year. A committee will need to be created to fill Mike's role.

## **Announcements**

- Next Voter's Meeting – December 4, 2022
- Next Council Meeting – November 8, 2022
- Board of the Month (November 2022) – Social Ministry

### Board of the Month duties includes:

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

## **Adjournment**

- At 7:05 p.m. the meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer

———— Respectfully Submitted by Barbara Rutter, Secretary

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## HANDOUTS

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

### MICHAEL BURKHARDT HYMN FESTIVAL

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The Hymn Festival on September 30 with a workshop the following day was a tremendous success and very well attended. We had 201 people attend the Hymn Festival, collected over \$1100 in free will offering and 32 people attended the workshop. For an AGO event these numbers were off the charts. Additionally, nine people from other choirs joined our choir in singing and the brass and timpani from DU were outstanding. It was truly a pinnacle event for Ascension. Thanks to the many choir members who faithfully prepared 11 extra pieces of music, attended extra rehearsals and sang at this event.

### ORGAN TUNING

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During the tuning of our organ in September a tuning piece in one of the wood pipes (the Gedeckt) broke and had to be taken into the shop for repair. The total tuning and repair bill was \$1093.

### HOLIDAY MUSIC

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Preparation by the various choral groups, praise bands and soloists is already underway for the holidays. An announcement will go out in the Happenings inviting folks to join these groups for seasonal participation.

### PERSONAL REPORT

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#### Elders report 10/10/2022

- 1: Two special Ornaments will be purchased to honor the donation from the Kevin Mills memorial Fund, for the Christmas Trees.
- 2: The proposed Elders budget including staff salaries has been sent to Margo. Some adjustments might be required.
- 3: We are looking into the feasibility of taking the collection from the Pews for all Services not just the Sunday 8:00. ---Scott Luethy

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## **Ladies Guild**

Report to Council – October 11, 2022

Ladies Guild held our General Meeting on Thursday September 22, 2022, hosting our new Rocky Mountain District President Shelly Stewart. Attendance was small, but it was great to hear from Shelly.

Ladies Guild is Hosting Orphan Grain Train on Thursday November 17, 2022 at 10:00 am – we moved our meeting from the 10<sup>th</sup> of November so that someone from Orphan Grain Train could attend our meeting.

We are preparing for the Craft and Bake sale on Sunday November 20, 2022. Blurbs have been put in the Happenings; posters will be put up in October. We have received the \$1,000 from Thrivent Funds.

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## **Board of Trustees Report to Council October 11, 2022**

- 1.0 Toilet in Boys Restroom: The standard toilet has no leak but the automatic flush system is not working. We are again notifying Himmelman Construction.
  - 2.0 Cleaning: Accurate Janitorial Service has been cleaning the Church three times a week since late June. They clean on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday evenings. We are not planning on hiring a custodian at this time.
  - 3.0 Tree Trimming: Artistic Tree has contacted us and they plan to move up our scheduled tree trimming date.
  - 4.0 Sprinkler Blowout: Tim's Sprinkler's completed the blowout of the sprinkler system on Monday, 10/10.
  - 5.0 Heat: The heat in the building was turned on last week.
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## **Youth Ministry Report – 10/10/22**

Shorter report this meeting. Youth events are kicked off and running. Every month will have a Sunday Night Live event as a core activity. (Bible study, pizza and games), First SNL had a decent attendance. It definitely felt have some core youth that could build a group around.

We will run other additional events at least once a month as fun activities for the youth. This last weekend was a trip to the Main Event in Highlands Ranch. The youth (and Stephanie and Michael) participated in bowling, arcade and laser tag.

Finally, a planning meeting needs to still get on the books so that we can finalize dates for service projects, fundraisers and events.