

Ascension Lutheran Church – Council Meeting Minutes

Littleton, Colorado

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

In attendance:

Council Members: Tim McClaren, *Pastor John Larson*, Tom Munson, Bob Hea, Margo Pasha, *Barbara Rutter*, Linda Achziger, Christa Kirschner, Jim Wert, Terry Utecht,

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

Guest: Kelly Lafferty,

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 6:32 p.m. in room 106 at Ascension Lutheran Church (ALC) by the President.

Opening Prayer:

The *Pastor John Larson* offered an opening prayer.

Opening Devotion

Tom Munson read the devotion, "Test Me."

Approval of Previous Minutes

April 11 council meeting minutes were approved.

Staff Reports

- **Preschool Director**
 - 33 children this term, and the fall is full (32 to 35 children)
 - Mrs. Rendal is not returning
 - Ms. Shelly Gray will take Mrs. Rendal's position
 - Teachers will be getting a bonus
 - Mental health consultant provides support to teachers
- **Director of Education and Youth**
 - 10 kids registered for trip to New Mexico
 - Registration open for VBS
 - This is last week of Sunday School
- **Pastor**
 - Catherine, a homeless woman, has her truck towed into the church's parking lot. Will meet with a neighbor tomorrow evening to discuss the neighbor's concerns.

Officer Reports

President

- Thank you Bob for leading the voter's meeting.

VP

1. We traced the payment of a random item to be sure that the amount paid party paid and the item was posted to the correct general ledger account. No issue were uncovered.
- We reviewed the December 31, 2022 and January 31, 2023 bank reconciliations to review the fact the accounts were reconciled and were all outstanding items cleared or correctly adjusted in

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future periods. All outstanding items were found had been cleared or adjusted out of the bank accounts and we did not find any errors in the statements or reconciliations.

Treasurers Report

- Attached
- Motion: Accept the treasures report as presented. Passed unanimously

Board Report

- **Columbarium Memorial Garden**
 - None
- **Community Outreach and Communication**
 - None
- **Elders**
 - Conducted second acolyte training on April 16th.
 - The Elders are working on creating a survey to be distributed to the congregation in June regarding a possible change to the Sunday worship schedule.
 - We are actively recruiting ushers.
 - I plan to attend an Elders workshop on June 3rd at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in Broomfield.
- **Ladies Guild**
 - Attached
- **Life Enrichment**
 - Attached
- **Parish Education**
 - None
- **Social ministry**
 - None
- **Stewardship**
 - No report
- **Trustees**
 - Attached
- **Youth**
 - None

New Business

- None

Announcements

- Next Voter's Meeting – June 11, 2023
- Next Council Meeting – June 13, 2023
- Board of the Month (June 2023) – Parish Education

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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

Board Reports

Ascension Lutheran Ladies Guild
Report to Council – May 9, 2023

Thursday May 25, 2023 @ 6:00 pm we our having our last General meeting of the year. We will be Hosting a guest from Project Angel Heart and decorating bags that Project Angel Heart uses for distribution of specially lifesaving medically tailored meals for a neighbor facing a life-threatening diagnosis, and medicine. This will be fun for all of us to decorate the bags.

Future Dates:

Sunday June 4, 2023 – Hosting Coffee Under the Trees

Saturday June 24, 2023 – Planning Day

Life Enrichment Council Report May 9, 2023

- The Forté Handbell Quartet (<https://fortehandbells.org/>) will perform at Ascension June 3rd at 7pm. We will be their first stop on a new tour of the Pacific Northwest titled “Into the West”. A freewill offering will be taken with proceeds going to the group. They will also sell CDs in the narthex. There will be no expense to the church. The group puts on a visual spectacle as well as a musical one – don’t miss this one if you like handbells!
- The Queen City Jazz Band (<https://www.queencityjazzband.com/>) has confirmed their willingness to perform as part of our Sunday worship service on New Year’s Eve. There will be one service that day at 10am. The cost will be \$1200, which exceeds the amount available in our dedicated account. I will solicit matching funds from the Foundation.
- I have made initial contact with His Little Feet (<https://hislittlefeet.org>). They performed at Ascension to rave reviews in May of 2021. I have asked them to consider performing during the services as they did that time, but did not request a specific weekend.
- The board will market its events via email to the membership (via Happenings) and also area churches, Nextdoor, YourHub (Denver Post), and the Ascension website and social media accounts. I have purchased a banner to hang outside the church the week of the Forté concert.
- I am actively soliciting suggestions for future performances, volunteers to provide

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refreshments, and other volunteers to help. Call me at 720-341-7119 or email me at tom@munson.org

Board of Trustees

Report to Council

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- 1.0 Vent Pipe for the Large Boiler: One of the three cables holding the Vent pipe pulled the “eye Hook” out of the roof. John Rolling had a plate fabricated with four bolt holes with an “eye hook” and installed the plate and secured the cable.
- 2.0 Sprinkler System: Tim’s Sprinklers turned on the water and helped mark the sprinkler heads so the lawn could be aerated. We discovered several problems with the system and they returned a couple days later and fixed a large break in the main 2” pipe and replaced heads in the east side lawn so all the area could be watered. We have scheduled another repair time to work on the sprinklers in the south side lawn.
- 3.0 Elevator: We had a failed elevator inspection. There was a small leak in the hydraulic system and the phone was not working. TK Elevator repaired the hydraulic system and CenturyLink repaired the phone connection.
- 4.0 Trustees Shed: Boy Scout Troop 361 has volunteered to paint the shed sometime in late May or early June. We will provide the materials.
- 5.0 Narthex lights: There are four florescent fixtures of the 19 that are not working properly. We are either going to replace those four florescent fixtures or perhaps replace the whole system with LED’s. We will keep you posted.
- 6.0 Bell Tower: The Bell Tower Committee is meeting and trying to develop a plan for repairing the structure. Wayne Bue is the Committee Chair.

Youth Ministry Report -05-09/23

Not a huge council report this time...mostly working on **VBS**. We're continuing to receive registrations.

Also, the last **Sunday school** before summer break is this coming Sunday with ice cream sandwiches, crafts and games for the kids.

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Last day to register online for the **high school youth** for the mission trip is May 14th. NO exceptions or additions. This is a hard deadline that I am sticking to and will not be able to add anyone past next Sunday. The parents know this as I have sent many reminders and messages. It's also the last day to revise our number count with Group Mission Trips. Currently 10 are planning on attending”

Elders report for 5/09/2023 Church Council Meeting

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