

Ascension Lutheran Church – Council Meeting Minutes

Littleton, Colorado

Tuesday, August 8, 2023

In attendance:

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

Excused: Ian Kirschner, Joyce Lord,

Guests: John Rolling, Trustee

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. in room 106 at Ascension Lutheran Church (ALC) by the President.

Opening Prayer:

The *President Tim McClaren* offered an opening prayer.

Opening Devotion

Terry Utecht read the devotion, "In This Together".

Approval of Previous Minutes

July 11, 2023 council meeting minutes were approved.

New Business

Building Roof repair/replacement

- Request to submit a claim to insurance for the hail damage. We would work with Excel Construction Group, who would deal directly with the insurance company on our behalf.
- Motion: We approve Assigning and Transferring any and all rights, benefits and causes of action to Excel Construction Group, LLC as stated in the agreement and upon the Trustees determining the exact meaning of the contract.
 - Passed

Bell Tower – Bob Hea

- Cost to demo is \$140,000.
- Permit to move drainage.

Trustees report is attached

Staff Reports

- Stephanie Roettjer, Director of Education and Youth
 - Amazing mission trip with all high schoolers (300 youth total)
 - Youth doing presentation at 10:30 am Sunday.
 - 31 work sites
 - Talking about filling Kelly's position. Will aggressively advertise the position. Kelly's last day is September 15th.
 - Fall planning meeting on the 20th followed by Pirates Cove.
 - Reached out the Principal of the public school next door to the church, who is amiable to working with us.

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- Pastor
 - Nice to be back from the mission trip.
 - Upcoming weddings, funerals, adult class
 - September 8-10th with Hands All Around will be using our building. They are a sewing group.

Officer Reports

President

- Arvin said our Constitution is 7th in a line of Constitutions waiting to be approved by the Rocky Mountain District committee. .
- Start putting together a nomination committee
- New mission statement and job description for the Preschool director position

VP

- No report

Treasurers Report

- Attached
- Motion: Accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Passed unanimously
- Motion: To pay off the West Wing Remodel loan (estimated \$5,300) with Project Peter and funds from prior years surplus account 017322.
 - Passed unanimously

Board Report

- **Trustees**
 - Attached
- **Columbarium Memorial Garden**
 - None
- **Community Outreach and Communication**
 - None
- **Elders**
 1. After reviewing the responses to Elders Survey regarding Sunday services, we have decided to return to the 8am and 10:30am worship schedule with no changes to either service.
 2. Work on planning for Congregation Picnic on September 10th. We will be celebrating:
 - a. Return of Sunday School
 - b. Reunion for Summer VBS
 - c. Pastor Larson's 40th year in the ministry

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3. Trustees agreed to set up tables for the picnic. Elders will work with Stephanie to put together the details for the picnic.
- **Ladies Guild**
 - Attached
 - Motion: Grant request for Matching funds of \$1000 from Thrivent dollars for Craft & Bake Sale
 - Passed unanimously
 - **Life Enrichment**
 - Attached
 - Motion: provide \$1000 to His Little Feet from 07-03 General Evangelism Expense to help cover expenses.
 - Pass unanimously
 - **Parish Education**
 - There will be an abuse training workshop for the volunteers who work with children on August 23
 - A Sunday school teachers meeting will also happen on August 23 in conjunction with the workshop.
 - **Social ministry**
 - August 12th meeting
 - August 27th Coffee Under the Trees
 - September 16th will be first day of Grief Share
 - **Stewardship**
 - Linda handed out a draft version of the Time and Talent sheet for Council to review.
 - Stewardship weekend October 14th and 15th
 - Hosting last Coffee Under the Trees in August
 - **Youth**
 - None

Announcements

- Next Voter's Meeting – September 24, 2023
- Next Council Meeting – September 12, 2023
- Board of the Month (September 2023) – Stewardship

Board of the Month duties includes:

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

Adjournment

- At 7:56 p.m. the meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer

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