

# Ascension Lutheran Church – Council Meeting Minutes

Littleton, Colorado

Tuesday, July 11, 2023

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## In attendance:

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

**Excused:** Ian Kirschner, Joyce Lord,

## Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 6:31 p.m. in room 106 at Ascension Lutheran Church (ALC) by the President.

## Opening Prayer:

Pastor John Larson offered an opening prayer.

## Opening Devotion

Anita Baresel read the devotion, "Saints and Sinners".

## Approval of Previous Minutes

June 13, 2023 Council meeting minutes were approved.

## Staff Reports

- Director of Education and Youth
  - 12 people going on the youth mission trip to New Mexico
  - All requested supplies have been donated.
  - There will be a Fall planning meeting with youth and followed by a trip to Pirates Cove.
- Pastor
  - There have been many funerals recently. Two members of our congregation are close to leaving us into eternity.
  - Met with Pastor Kelly Crabbe, asked him to assist with preaching. He is happy to help. The schedule has not been determined yet, but it may range between every 6 – 8 weeks. He will not have any administration duties, but will also do the weekly Online video session. Elders will work out pay structure.

## Officer Reports

### President

- Touched base with Arvin and no new updates about the review of our proposed constitution and by-laws with the Rocky Mountain District constitution review committee.
- Kelly Lafferty will resign as the preschool director in September 2023.
- Refining the job description for the preschool director. Stephanie will be the contact person.
- Kelly Lafferty will let the preschool teachers and families know around July 25<sup>th</sup>.

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## VP

- No report from Bob Hea, but he has been working on the bell tower repair committee.

## Treasurers Report

- Attached
- West Wing Remodel Mortgage will be paid by the end of December 2023 with the monthly payments and not considering additional donations.
- Motion: Accept the Treasurers report as presented. Passed unanimously

## Board Report

- **Columbarium Memorial Garden**
  - One committal on July 3, 2023 for Christine Peepgrass. The Columbarium committee did great!
- **Community Outreach and Communication**
  - No report, as Joyce Lord was absent.
- **Elders**
  - Reviewing responses to Elders Survey regarding Sunday services. Received many valuable comments.
  - Pastor Larson's 40th year in the ministry will be celebrated on Sunday, September 10th. This will be part of the congregational picnic celebrating the ministries of Ascension Lutheran Church.
- **Ladies Guild**
  - Attached
- **Life Enrichment**
  - Attached
- **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.
  - A VBS "reunion" party will be on September 10th with lunch, inflatable, games, etc.
  - We are currently meeting to fill the EDP Director's position after Kelly Lafferty's resignation. We are thankful and praise God for all the work that Kelly Lafferty has done in the past few years for the EDP and Ascension.
  - Last month was a young adult pizza and mini golf night. There were 18 people in attendance.
- **Social ministry**
  - There is a August 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- **Stewardship**
  - No report
- **Trustees**

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- Attached
- Motion: To approve spending no more than \$2,200.00 to clean Church carpets. The funds will come from Trustees Account Janitorial Services 331.
  - Passed
- Motion: To approve allowing the Bell Tower subcommittee of the Trustees to spend up to \$6450.00 for the services of Eidos Architects. Funds will be paid from Trustees Account Future Capital Needs 325.
  - Passed
- **Youth**
  - Upcoming mission trip to New Mexico

## New Business

- None

## Announcements

- Next Voter's Meeting – September 24, 2023
- Next Council Meeting – August 8, 2023
- Board of the Month (August 2023) – Trustees

### Board of the Month duties includes:

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

## Adjournment

- At 7:29 p.m. the meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer

———— Respectfully Submitted by Barbara Rutter, Secretary

## Supplemental Reports

### **Ascension Lutheran Ladies Guild Report to Council – July 11, 2023**

We had our Planning Day on July 1, 2023, instead of Saturday June 24, 2023, due to the funeral for Chris Peepgrass.

We planned things for the South-Central Zone Fall Rally on Saturday September 30, 2023. We are hoping to have Orphan Grain Train come and talk to the ladies in the afternoon along with putting Hygiene kits together and collecting coats. We will be getting the invitation out to the other churches within the South-Central Zone by the middle of August, so that ladies have time to put this date on their calendars. Ascension has not hosted the South-Central Zone Fall Rally in several years.

During our meeting we made the decision to consolidate our Circles from 5 to 3 (we do not have any leaders for two of our Circles). It was a hard decision, but we needed to consolidate things

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so that the board is not always taking on all of the tasks necessary to get things done during the year.

We will publish our yearly calendar shortly, but with the changes we made to our Circles we need to change some of things on our yearly calendar and that has yet to be completed.

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## **Life Enrichment Council Report July 11, 2023**

The next event will occur August 19-20 when His Little Feet (<https://hislittlefeet.org>) visits Ascension to perform in the Saturday and Sunday services. We need seven families to host 19 children and 7 staff for two nights. A few families have stepped up to host about ten, so we need several more families. These families will host for two nights, provide dinners, and transportation to/from the church. Life Enrichment will provide a hot lunch for the group. Ascension will provide a \$1000 tour fee and solicit a love offering during the service. I have asked the Foundation to help offset the tour fee.

The Queen City Jazz Band (<https://www.queencityjazzband.com/>) will 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. I will solicit matching funds from the Foundation. I am always looking for volunteers. Opportunities include finding performers, organizing events, providing refreshments, and setup/cleanup. Call me at 720-341-7119 or email me at [tom@munson.org](mailto:tom@munson.org)

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## **Board of Trustees Report to Council July 11, 2023**

1.0 Water damage: During the recent heavy rain storms we had damage to the wall in Pastor's Office. We have determined that cleaning the gutters has fixed the problem and John Rolling is contacting help to repair the damage.

2.0 Sprinklers: Tim's Sprinklers replaced all the non-functioning heads on the south side lawn and we have adequate coverage over all the area. The west fenced area is still a concern, but we need to wait and see what the result of the increased pressure in the repaired supply line accomplishes for the sprinklers in that area before we can decide our next plan of action.

3.0 Bell Tower: The Bell Tower Committee has obtained a bid from Eidos Architects to 1. Document the Bell Tower, 2. Research required repairs, 3. Meet with Ascension- two times, and to visit site during construction with Horizon West Builders - two times. The bid is divided into Architectural and Electrical. The Bid is \$6,450.00. Motion: To approve allowing the Bell Tower Committee to spend of up to \$6450.00 for the services of Eidos Architects. Trustees Account Future Capital Needs 325.

4.0 Sanctuary Roof: The roof in the sanctuary is still leaking - a little. John

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Rolling has asked the Roofer he works with to contact our insurer Church Mutual and see what their inspector reports after this series of hail storms.

5.0 Carpet cleaning: We have a bid from Accurate Cleaning to clean the Church carpets. We have determined that most of the carpeted areas need cleaning. We would like those areas cleaned in August. Motion: To approve spending no more than \$2200.00 to clean the Church carpets. Trustees Account Janitorial Services 331.

6.0 Pastor's/Office AC: This unit is not working. We will have contacted Pasterkamp by Monday, 7/10. Repair completed Monday, bad capacitor was replaced. Happy Staff!