

Ascension Lutheran Church – Council Meeting Minutes

Littleton, Colorado

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

In attendance:

Council Members: Linda Achziger, Margo Pasha, Bob Hea, *Barbara Rutter*, Terry Utecht, Ian Kirschner, *Pastor John Larson*, Stephanie Roettjer, Jim Wert, Dawn Munson, David Kaiser, Shelia Beu,

Excused: Christa Kirschner,

Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. in room 203 at Ascension Lutheran Church (ALC) by the President.

Opening Prayer:

Pastor John Larson offered an opening prayer.

Opening Devotion

Ian Kirschner read the devotion.

Approval of Previous Minutes

Approved unanimously

New Business

None

Officer Reports

- President
 - Pastor Rohde – The highest office in the Church is being a child of God, a believer. We are heirs, princes and princesses of the kingdom
 - Every child of God has gifts and a place where they can contribute.
 - When looking for a volunteer, start with a simple task as opposed to asking someone to be in something big.
 - Any feedback from Voters' meeting
 - Went well and stayed on point
 - Ensure equipment is fully operational before the December Voters' meeting (<5 know how to operate the AV equipment)
 - 53 people attended
- Vice President
 - EDP was granted \$7,023.00 and needs to be used by September 30th. We need to investigate how the funds can be used.
 - Ian will pass the information to Christa, who will speak with Meg.
 - Funds will be put in the dedicated account (EDP May 2024)
- Treasurer
 - Combined several accounts
 - Approved unanimously
- Secretary
 - Dawn will help with archives.

Staff Reports

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- Pastor
 - Motion: Transfer \$500 Thrivent Choice Dollars to Pastor's discretionary dedicated account.
 - Passed unanimously
 - Motion: Give the Gideons \$200 from the Thrivent Choice Dollars account.
 - Passed unanimously
- Director of Education and Youth
 - Attached
 - Finalizing documentation for youth mission trip.
 - Looking forward to the National Youth Gathering in 2025 in New Orleans
 - Possibly 18 youths
 - Music for Pentecost Sunday will happen at both services.

Board Report

- **Education**
 - Attached
- **Youth**
 - Attached
- **Elders**
 - We continue our search for a director for the Agape and Youth Praise Bands. One person has expressed an interest in the position thus far.
 - Elders continue discussions on creating an Elder's Handbook, outlining and documenting our responsibilities and duties.
- **Congregational Life**
 - Attached
- **Evangelism**
 - Attached
- **Ladies' Guild**
 - Attached
- **Trustees**
 - Attached
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Announcements

- Next Council Meeting – June 11, 2024
- Next Voter's Meeting – December 1, 2024
- Board of the Month (June 2024) – Congregational Life

Board of the Month duties includes:

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

Adjournment

- At 7:50 p.m. the meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

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

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