

Ascension Lutheran Church – Council Meeting Minutes

Littleton, Colorado

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

In attendance:

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

Excused: Shelia Beu, Christa Kirschner

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:

Pastor John Larson offered an opening prayer.

Opening Devotion

Margo Pasha read the devotion “Streams in the Desert.”

Approval of Previous Minutes

Note: As of January 31, 2024, the Church has \$776,000 in cash with no debt. February 13 council meeting minutes were approved with this change.

New Business

Beautiful Savior Officers Workshop (April 27th) – email Bob if you would like to attend.

Arvin’s Committee Handbook Proposal

- General expectations beyond the bylaws, protocols of meeting, when events occur
- The council approves of this idea and Jim will pass this to Arvin

Staff Reports

- President
 - No report
- Vice President
 - No report
- Treasurer
 - Questions about the preschool deficit
 - Approved unanimously
 - Motion: Combine the two maturing CD’s and add \$8,000 to have \$100,000 in CD’s to earn 5% APY.
 - Passed unanimously

Staff Reports

- Pastor
 - No report
- Director of Education and Youth
 - Attached

Board Report

- **Education**
 - Attached

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- **Youth**
 - Our youth bible knowledge is quite lacking. Much more than previous generations. Our limited time with them requires further thinking into the best ways to reach them with Biblical principals in our short amount of time with them.
 - Our youth are generally too busy so attendance at smaller events can be challenging.
 - Youth do love attending trips. Trips have our best turnout.
 - Some of the best and deepest conversations with youth occur on long road trips. Maybe trying to build some of our bible study work around these long road trips could be helpful.
 - Quality over quantity is what we are thinking when it comes to events.
 - Mulling over the idea of a camping trip. Ideally in a place without phone service
 - Hoping to benefit from Stephanie's many musical skills and keep working on involving youth in worship music.
 - Stephanie also pointed out a very helpful website for Christian research to reference, when trying to understand the problems all Christian are facing in churches these days - Barna.com
 - Considering putting together a quick survey for parents of what is most important to them as well as their children.

- **Elders**
 - Attached
- **Congregational Life**
 - Attached
- **Evangelism**
 - Estimate for website refresh project
 - Complete redesign will cost \$2,800
 - Motion: Redesign the website for \$2,800 by using Radiant Web Design.
 - Everyone should look at the website and determine what pages should be updated or deleted. Email Dawn what needs to be kept, updated or deleted.
 - Passed unanimously

- **Ladies' Guild**
 - No report
- **Trustees**
 - Attached
 - Motion: Lawn Contract with Greenleaf Lawns: Approve the prepay price of \$1512.00 plus the Core Aeration of \$240.00 for a total of \$1752.00.
 - Passed unanimously
 - Dawn will contact the All Copy Products about the new copier and contract after reading specifications.
 - Motion: To change our gas provider from Symmetry Energy to Excel Energy.
 - Passed unanimously

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Announcements

- Next Council Meeting – April 9, 2024
- Next Voter's Meeting – April 28, 2024
- Board of the Month (April 2024) – Trustees

Board of the Month duties includes:

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

Adjournment

- At 7:40 p.m. the meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

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