

# **Ascension Lutheran Church – Council Meeting Minutes**

Littleton, Colorado

*Tuesday, April 9, 2024*

## **In attendance:**

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

**Excused:** Stephanie Roettjer, Ian 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**

Terry Utecht read the devotion.

## **Approval of Previous Minutes**

Approved unanimously.

## **New Business**

Beautiful Savior Officers Workshop (April 27<sup>th</sup>) – email Bob if you would like to attend.  
Bell Tower project is now complete. The cost was \$116,000, which was budgeted at \$156,000.

## **Staff Reports**

- President
  - No report
- Vice President
  - No report
- Treasurer
  - Questions about the preschool deficit
    - We are paying Meg more than Kelly.
    - With universal prekindergarten (UPK), we originally had 20 kids. 11 kids left due to be assigned to different schools or moving.
    - Little Raven opening next door possibly may have taken some kids.
    - The school has 7 kids signed up for next year.
    - We need 15 kids to break even.
    - Possibly give incentives.
    - Possibly have the congregation sponsor a child in the preschool.
    - Approved summer program. Will need 5 kids to break even.
    - During teacher appreciation week, will hold a lunch after meeting.
  - Approved unanimously

## **Staff Reports**

- Pastor
  - Reflecting on Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. We had 3 or 4 families visit last Sunday.
  - Thankful for all the people who worked on Lent, Holy Week, and Easter.

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- Coffee Under the Trees - Sign up will posted.
- Director of Education and Youth
  - **Easter breakfast**
    - 12 youth, 6 parents helped serve and make breakfast
    - Estimated around 215-220 people attended
    - Raised \$1,478 with matching funds from the Foundation to bring it to \$2,956 towards our mission trip
  - **VBS**
    - Volunteer and helper meeting this Sunday at noon
    - Registration is open and we've been receiving participant sign-up's

## **Board Report**

- **Education**
  - Attached
- **Youth**
  - Small report this month. Thanks to all of the youth, parents and Stephanie (Also Dawn and Tom cleaning so hard on Easter) for a very successful Easter Breakfast with plenty of coffee. Personally, I was so impressed with the youth's hard work in both set up and take down. It was great to see.
  - Up and coming events:
    - -Axe throwing on April 21
    - -Grammy-nominated Christian rapper, Flame's concert at St. John's on May 10th
    - -Looking towards VBS and having the youth serve as volunteers
- **Elders**
  - Attached
- **Congregational Life**
  - Held a meeting and discussing ideas
- **Evangelism**
  - No Report
- **Ladies' Guild**
  - No report
- **Trustees**
  - Attached
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## **Announcements**

- Next Council Meeting – May 14, 2024
- Next Voter's Meeting – April 28, 2024
- Board of the Month (May 2024) – Youth

### **Board of the Month duties includes:**

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

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## **Adjournment**

- At 7:37 p.m. the meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

———— Respectfully Submitted by Barbara Rutter, Secretary