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 Workship (April 27th) – 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.
 - o Thankful for all the people who worked on Lent, Holy Week, and Easter.

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- o 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
 - o <u>VBS</u>
 - 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

Announcements

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

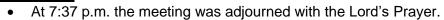
Board of the Month duties includes:

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

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Adjournment



——— Respectfully Submitted by Barbara Rutter, Secretary