

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

Littleton, Colorado

*Tuesday, June 11, 2024*

## **In attendance:**

**Council Members:** Linda Achziger, Bob Hea, *Barbara Rutter*, Terry Utecht, *Pastor John Larson*, Jim Wert, Dawn Munson, Shelia Beu, Dick Castleman, Joanne Castleman, & David Kaiser

**Excused:** Christa Kirschner, Margo Pasha, Ian Kirschner, Stephanie Roettjer

## **Call to Order:**

Meeting called to order at 6:35 p.m. in room 203 at Ascension Lutheran Church (ALC) by the President.

## **Opening Prayer:**

*Pastor John Larson* offered an opening prayer.

## **Opening Devotion**

Shelia Beu read the devotion.

## **Approval of Previous Minutes**

Approved unanimously

## **New Business**

None

## **Officer Reports**

- President
  - None
- Vice President
  - Educating Ascension employees on Colorado Family and Medical Leave
- Treasurer
  - Margo shared the report prior to the meeting for review.
  - Approved unanimously
- Secretary
  - None

## **Staff Reports**

- Pastor
  - Received 21 new members
  - End of July will start another adult education class
  - VBS was a good week
  - Mission trip to Las Animas will be June 22-29
- Director of Education and Youth
  - Parish Education - VBS finished up on Friday of last week. It was a success with about 70 kids attending each day! Thanks to all those who volunteered their time and those who donated food to make the week so great!
  - There is a parent study for parents of girls on Sundays in July.

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- Young Adult - Friday gatherings continue every second Friday of the month throughout the summer.
- Preschool - Meg got a grant for \$7023. It is called the Child Care Operations Stabilization Grant. She plans to use some of the money (about \$600) for first aide/CPR training for preschool staff in August. There is also talk about using some of the money for summer bonuses for the staff as well. More information to follow about how the rest of the funds are planned to be used.

## **Board Report**

- **Education**
  - Covered in Stephanie's report above.
- **Youth**
  - Covered in Stephanie's report above.
- **Elders**
  - We continue our search for a director for the Agape and Youth Praise Bands. Two people have expressed an interest in the position.
  - Elders continue discussions on creating an Elder's Handbook, outlining and documenting our responsibilities and duties.
  - Elders will be hosting Coffee Under the Trees on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- **Congregational Life**
  - Attached
- **Evangelism**
  - Attached
- **Ladies' Guild**
  - Attached
- **Trustees**
  - Attached
  - **Motion: to approve the contract to True Grit Custom Landscaping and Design for \$1100.00.**
    - Passed unanimously

## **Announcements**

- Next Council Meeting – July 9, 2024
- Next Voter's Meeting – December 1, 2024
- Board of the Month (July 2024) – Board of Education

### Board of the Month duties include:

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

## **Adjournment**

- At 7:34 p.m. the meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer.

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———— Respectfully Submitted by Barbara Rutter, Secretary