

## Council Minutes March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

\*Kirstin Albiero (Past President) \*Scott Donovan (President) \*Chris Eippert (President-Elect) Pastor Greg Van Dunk \*Rebekah Bryan (Secretary) \*Scott Nielsen (Treasurer) Sarah Dahl \*Lori Mathias (Worship) \*Brittany Lobner (Fellowship) Avery Newell \*Pat Murack Kelly Arndt

(\*) present at meeting

The meeting began at 7:35 P.M. with President Scott Donovan presiding.

✓ Approval of the February 2023 minutes: There was a motion to approve the February 2023 minutes. The motion was seconded & approved.

#### Pastor and DI Reports

PASTOR REPORT: No reports

### **Committee Reports**

CHRISTIAN CARE: No report provided

#### FELLOWSHIP: (Brittany Lobner)

OUTREACH:

No report provided

**PROPERTY:** No report provided

#### FINANCE: (Scott Nielsen)

WORSHIP: (Lori Mathias)

### YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY COMMITTEE: (Pat Murack)

#### Other Business

Grace Church Council Meeting Feb 23, 2023

- Call to order
- Welcome (1 minute)
- Lighting of candle (1 min)
- Opening prayer: Scott D (2 min)
- Devotion (10 min)



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- Vote to accept minutes from February meeting (2min)
- Pastor's report (5 min)
  - LGBTQIA+ work group
    - Listing core values of our church
    - Logo/mission statement work in progress
    - Next meeting: Sunday March 26<sup>th</sup>
- Treasurer report: Scott Nielsen (6 min)
  - > 22,000 surplus against budget
  - > 62,000 to 82,000 contingency fund increase. About 10k comprised one-time gifts.
  - > 30,000 under budget in expenses
  - Beginning of fiscal year shifted to Feb 1.
  - Circle of Empowerment budget line is not needed. The budget was \$6,800. Pat suggests keeping it in benevolence and giving to the synod. Include a note in the annual report.
  - 28,500 to ELCA last year, this year 11,500, or 18,300 w/ Circle of Empowerment redirected for this year.
  - Benevolence: ELCA, Lutheran Social Services, All People's, Circle of Empowerment. Eliminated Lutheran Social Services.
  - Benevolence will be reevaluated as the year goes on.
- President's Report: Scott Donovan (3 min)
  - Lenten dinner March 29
    - Rebekah will get the pizza. Order two days ahead of time for approximately 2 dozen people. Either delivery or pickup will work.
    - Lori will bring the dessert.
  - > Call Committee: we have a pastoral candidate (and a second who is discerning)
    - Both pastoral candidates are couples
  - Personnel Committee
    - Personnel was instructed to move forward with children & family ministry candidate
    - Arcelia would like to continue with the accounting part of her job from home but get away from the secretarial work by June 8.
    - Administrative assistant job position reviewed and approved by council.
  - Custodian: job description rewritten.
    - Property committee overseeing that.
- Committees:
  - Worship: Lori (3 min)
    - Projector died, and now we have a new one. Funds accounted for.
    - Worship team leader position can we promote that again?
    - Eryn would like feedback on current music structure during church. Council recommends keeping it the same.
  - Grounds and facilities (5 min)



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- Roof leak coming to look at the roof 3/17
- Toilets
- Custodial tasks
- Cleanup date May 6. Would Sunday after church be better? Scott D. will follow up with Kelly.
- Fellowship (3 min)
  - First week attendance: 100
  - Second week attendance: 66
- Children, Youth and Family Ministries (3 min)
- (Christian Care and Outreach)
- Personnel Committee: Pat Murack (5 min)
- Call Committee: Pat/Scott D
- Budget & Finance: Scott N (5 min)
- Other business:
  - Sunday morning hospitality
    - The hospitality team was Christian Care, which has no members.
    - Acolytes families open the doors and be greeters.
    - Revamp the area after Sunday School ends and activities slow down so that Erica can take it on.
    - New member classes? Waiting for new pastor.
- Sign up: (2 min)
  - for coffee/treat
  - Devotions
  - $\triangleright$
- Closing prayer (1 min)
- Next Meeting: April 27 at 7:30

**<u>Closing Prayer</u>**: Pat Murack Meeting adjourned at 9:01.