

## **Church Council Meeting Minutes May 8th, 2023**

Present - Scott McDonald, Jed Burkey, Greg Tvrdik, Bruce Belseth, Del Mari Runck, Stephanie Heseltine, Pastor PJ & Michelle Flaten

Absent - Lucas Kusters

**Opening Prayer**—Michelle Flaten

### **Communication Check In**

Positive feedback about various ways to connect with God daily including the use of the Bible app suggested by Pastor PJ. Many people have signed up for the new Bible Study, The 40-Day Sugar Fast which will be another opportunity to connect and grow in our faith.

The church received a thank you from the organizers of Earth Day for the use of the facility and all those involved in helping make this a well attended successful event.

### **Reports:**

#### **Secretary's Report from April Council Meeting**

Reviewed April meeting minutes.

**Motion to approve Secretary's Report- Bruce (M); Jed (2nd); Motion Carried**

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Greg T provided an update on the budget. Year to date we have a slight decrease in income but a larger decrease in expenses so we are ahead financially. It was noted that this decline in expenses is directly related to our open pastoral positions. If these positions were filled, we would be in a negative position when comparing budget to actual.

### **Board Reports**

The ***Serving Board*** met with Ann Challes, the new Parish Nurse to see how the Serving Board can support her. They also met with the organization, Safe Families for Children, to learn how they support families in need.

***Finance & Facilities Board*** discussed how to improve the sound quality for the summer outdoor worship services. There were funds left from the insurance claim after the lightning strike. Some of these funds will be used to replace lighting in the bell tower that was affected by the lightning strike. The Finance & Facilities board asked that the remaining funds be used for the purchase of new speakers for the outdoor worship space.

**Motion to approve the spending of \$19,900 on Tricorn's "best" outdoor speaker system using the remaining lightning strike funds of \$15,000 covering the rest of the cost with the ERC savings money. Scott (M); Jed (2nd); Motion Carried**

The *Finance & Facilities Board* also discussed the heating issue with how the boiler system currently exhausts to the north. As the heat exhausts it freezes which causes problems. The solution to fix this problem is to exhaust the heat out of the roof.

**Motion to approve the \$4900 bid from Ellingson's plumbing and heating to reroute the exhaust pipes from the boilers through the roof. Budgeted 2023 repairs and maintenance dollars will be used for this project. Jed (M); Michelle (2nd) Motion Carried**

A large amount of dirt was available for free from Seph Construction which can be added to our current berm. There will be further discussion about how to landscape this area.

**Motion to accept the free dirt from Seph Construction knowing there will be a cost associated; Bruce (M); Michelle (2nd) Motion Carried**

Jeff from the Serving Board presented Care for Creation initiatives to the Finance and Facilities Board.

**Communications Board** - There has been no meeting this month and no meeting date has been set at this time.

**Worship Board** - No meeting has been held this month.

**Learning Board** - A meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 9.

### **Call Committee Update**

The update to the congregation about where we are in the process was well received and appreciated. Discussed options for assistance with summer church services, nursing home services, care visits, by utilizing Pastor Dennis Preston as needed, as well as lay leaders, and Interns.

### **Reminders:**

- **Next Council Meeting – Monday, June 12 @ 7:00 PM**
- **2023 NW MN Synod Assembly – June 3 @ 8:30 AM – live-streamed at 4 locations – FLC Delegates will attend at Bethlehem Lutheran in Fergus Falls. In addition to Pastor PJ, the following six delegates representing FLC will attend: Bruce Belseth, Jodi Belseth, Terri Lee Bouressa, Twylla Vickmark, Greg Tvrdik and Del Mari Runck**